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Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu (left) is welcomed to 10 Downing Street yesterday by his British counterpart, Tony Blair. Page 2.

Declassified report: Raviv was violent provocateur

By LIAT COLLINS

Previously classified material from the Shamgar Report on the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin depicts Avishai Raviv as a violent provocateur, who was asked by his General Security Service handlers to actively protest the peace process, whose actions discredited legal political groups, and who failed to even hint at Yigal Amir's declared intention to harm Rahm.

Although Raviv was constantly cautioned by his handlers, he was not stopped, it says. The report also shows Rabin was aware of

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the person ministerially in charge of the GSS, order tighter security

arrangements. The two declassified sections published yesterday deal with

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Raviv and the supervision of the GSS by the Prime Minister's

"Avishai Raviv was connected to the GSS as an agent from 1987," the report reads. "During the period of his activities, which was assessed as effective, be was also caught at many incidents of lawbreaking, including acts of violence, and despite warnings

from those in charge of him he

did not stop them. "In conversacions it was made clear to him that be would not receive backing if he broke the law, but, in effect, no legal proceedings were opened against the aforementioned in all these years (except in one case - the attack on MK [Tamar] Gozansky) despite the fact that from the start his actions included physical attacks, attacks on property, conspiring to burn an apartment, and

different types of harassment. "Thus he organized 'night patrols' on the Jerusalem-Hebron road, during which he and his friends masqueraded as policemen, struck Arab residents, carried out body searches, and

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Iraq expels US arms inspectors

Clinton: Challenge to world community

By HILLEL KUTTLER, MARILYN HENRY, ARIEN O'SULLIVAN, and news agencies

Iraq expelled six American arms inspectors to Jordan late last night, the Iraqi news agency INA reported.

The six American inspectors working within the UN inspec-tion teams have left Baghdad for Amman by land at 11 p.m. this evening," INA said.

INA said the departure of the Americans was in line with the decision of the "Revolutionary Command Couocil ... which was issued today." Iraqi television showed the inspectors leaving in a convoy of three cars. The other inspectors are due to leave by air today.

The UN, rather than segregating the Americans, is pulling all but a skeletal staff of weapons inspectors from Iraq today, chief weapons inspector Richard Butler said to New York. The US weor hack to the Security

Council yesterday, seeking unspecified action to tell Iraq it cannot throw out American members of UN inspection teams with impunity.

President Bill Clinton pledged

that he would work to prevent lrag's expulsion of members of UN team iospecting

'Jane's': traq has nuclear

Baghdad's weapons sites. Speaking at the White House, Clinton called Iraq's announcement "clearly unacceptable" and a "challenge to the ioternational community.

"Let me remind you all again -I will say this every time I dis-cuss this issue – these inspectors in the last six years have nncovered more weapons of mass destructioo poteotial, and destroyed it, than was destroyed

in the entire Gulf War," Clinton

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said. "It is important to the safety of the world that they continue their work. I inteod to pursue this matter in a very determined

Clinton said the Security Council's resolution on the matter Wednesday oight sent the "right message" for Iraq to "comply now with the UN resolutioos and let the UNSCOM inspectioo team go hack to

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright consulted with US allies on how to respond to the latest Iraqi threat. She and UN Amhassador Bill Richardson spoke oo a US initiative for further a further UN statement or coodemnatioo that, in the words of her spokesman James Rubin, will "demonstrate to Saddam Hussein that this attempt to divide the world has failed" and that "there's only one way out: to comply with the UN and allow the inspectors to do their

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan assured Albright in a noontime phone call that "the world stands united in demand-ing that Saddam Husselo reverse course," Rubin said.

He also said that Congress's failure so far this week to approve payment of \$900 million io back UN dues will have repercussions, making it "harder and barder to get support at the UN for this important national security matter."

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai urged Israelis to relax amid the growing tensions between the US and Iraq, saying last night that we have nothing to worry about.

"Israelis can be calm. We will follow events," Mordechai said. And whatever needs [to be donel will be done in coordinatioo with the Uoited States."

He added that the US and the UN have the power to enforce their demands.

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Congress OKs bill with Israel's allocation

After months of debate, Congress passed the final versions of the foreign operations bill that includes Israel's \$3 billion economic and military packages.

It will now be sent to the White House for Clinton's signature, after which Israel will receive its "early payment" of its entire

An Israeli Embassy official lauded the development, stating that "it has again shown that the American interest in strengthening Israel and supporting it continues, as demonstrated by

Congress's bipartisan support."
The bill maintains Egypt's funding level at \$2.1b., while raising Jordan's allocation to \$225 million. The bill also withholds money from the Palestinian Authority unless the president certifies that it is in the US "national interest" for the PA to receive

Terror suspects arrested in Samaria

The IDF Spokesman confirmed reports that several Palestinians were arrested by security forces in Samaria last night. They are suspected of involvement in terror activities. Margot Dudkevitch

New Ma'aleh Adumim road being built

A new road is being built to lay the foundation of a new nelghborhood of 350 bousing units in Ma'aleh Adumim, Channel 2 reported last night.

The Housing Ministry confirmed the new road is being built but said there are no immediate plans to build a neighborhood and no authorization for such plans from Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai.

"It is only a road," said Housing Ministry spokesman Moshe

Eilat said the road was being built to more efficiently connect Jerusalem and Ma'aleb Adumim.

Adani discharged for role in Rabin murder

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordecbai yesterday approved the recommendation of Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak that Sgt. Dror Adani be stripped of his rank and dishonorably discharged from the army. Adami was convicted last year of conspiring to kill prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and of weapons charges. He was sentenced to seven years in prison. Adami's discharge follows that of the Amir brothers, the IDF Spokesman's Office said. Jerusalem Post Staff

illegal homes destroyed

The Civil Administration destroyed two illegally built Palestinian homes in the villages Bani Naim and Beit Omar, Margot Dudkevitch near Hebron, yesterday.

'Jane's': Iraq has hidden A-bomb material

the scientific talent and industrial remains hidden," it said. base to build nuclear weapons bomb-making material, Jane's Intelligence Review reported yes-

An eight-page report in the magazine's December issue details bow close Saddam Hussein came to building a bomb before the 1991 Gulf War - and concludes that Iraq still has nuclear ambitions although Iran may be ahead in the race to build a bomb.

Jane's Intelligence Review, part of the authoritative military publishing group, said Iraqi defectors and sources close to the International Atomic Energy Agency bave indicated that the Iraqis still maintain an active nuclear weapons program.

The scientific and industrial infrastructure to build a bomb are in place and bundreds of employees of the nuclear establishment remain on permanent standby, supported by the government as if they were working full-time.

the magazine said. "Also, while it is acknowledged that much of the material intended for use in building a nuclear bomb bas been either uncovered or destroyed, there is

LONDON (AP) - Iraq still has some evidence that a good deal

Jane's cited indications of and there is some evidence that it some kind of "technical cooperahas bidden "a good deal" of tion" between Iraq and its former and thoughts on how to put the enemy Syria, which Israeli intelligence sources suggested could include joint development of weapons of mass destruction.

"While it is too early to speculate about a nuclear link, it could be a feasible scenario for the next decade, especially if UN sanctions on Iraq remain rooted," Jane's said.

"There is little doubt that Syria has shown a distinct interest in acquiring weapons of mass destruction of its own. By early 1997 it bad topped some of the Scud C missiles deployed along its southern [Israeli] front with Sarin nerve gas," the magazine said.

Although frequent UN inspections have prevented lraq from conducting nuclear weapon development work at declared sites, there is significant evidence from defectors and others that scientists are working else-where in violation of UN Security Council resolutions,

Jane's said. The Iraqis have barred inspectors from entering many sites, giving them time to remove incriminating evidence, it said.

Winning numbers

In yesterday's weekly Payis Hazak drawing ticket number 416702 won NIS 1 million, while ticket number 249836 won the car. Tickets 330926, 053547, 282533, 424796, 228238, 243063, 722908, 050653

Tickets ending in 23601, 40119, 06919, 87136, 75406, 36483,48679, 86849, 43234, 06919, 055026, 54075, 68407, 49292, 87136, 83805, 94262, 00655, and 56358 won NIS 1,000. Tickets ending in 755, 238,

Tickets ending in 33,85,39 and 40 won NIS30.Tickets ending in 98 and 39 won NIS20. Tickets ending in 1 and 7 won NIS 10.

PM cautions British on Iran, Iraq

Says Oslo Accords won't resolve Jerusalem, refugee issues

By JAY BUSHINSKY and news agencies

LONDON - The burgeoning international crisis over Iraq's treatment of the American arms inspectors is looming over Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's talks here today with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, as it did in his talks yesterday with

his British counterpart Tony Blair. Netanyahu has been discussing the possibility of a US-led military strike against lraq in terms of the impact it could have on

Like Israel, Great Britain firmly supports US President Bill Clinton in the ongoing confrontation with Iraq's Saddam Hussein. Netanyahu said he hopes to meet with Clinton next month.

The political phase of Netanyahu's working visit to the UK began with a session with Liberal- Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown. Subsequent meetings with Blair and Foreign Minister Robin Cook convinced Netanyahu that Great Britain will intensify the European Union's involvement in the peace process when it assumes the EU presidency on January 1. The Europeans will try to accelerate the bilateral as well as the multilateral regotiations, Netanyahu said.

In an address to MPs in Westminster, a long-range nuclear missile capability.

It is supply of Russian technology is Netanyahu denied accusations that he wanted to delay the peace process. "On the contrary, I want to move it forward," he said. But Netanyahu told them he was unequivocally opposed to the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Former home secretary Michael Howard, a Conservative, pressed Netanyahu to explain how he intends to inject meaningful momentum into the peace process.

Netanyahu implied that progress depends on the Palestinians, not on him.

"They have to fulfill their part," he said. We are fulfilling ours."

But he cautioned that "two issues will not be resolved" under the Oslo formula: · Refugees - There will be no asphyxiation of Israel due to a massive influx of displaced Palestinians, he told the parliamen-

. Jerusalem - "If I have to choose between peace and the unification of Jerusalem, 1 will choose Jerusalem." he said.

Netanyahu ruled out the idea of sharing authority in Jerusalem with the PA, saying, "Jerusalem is the red line."

Netanyahu also said that Russia was still passing ballistic missile technology to Iran. which was just a year away from acquiring not stopped, then within a year Iran would become self-sufficient and would be able to

create those missiles on its own," he said. Russia has repeatedly denied charges that it is passing missile know-how to Teheran. But Netanyahu said the flow of Russian technology was continuing despite a direct appeal he had made to Yeltsin, backed up by Clinton.

If Russia cuts off the flow then the Iranian ballistic missile program would be set back by many years, he told the parliamentarians. The Russian technology was "absolutely crucial" for Iran's capabilities, he said.

"I am also glad to see Tony Blair spoke to Yeltsin about it," he added. "It is very important that Russia receives appeals from all members of the international community because we are all at risk.

We have to assume that they [the missiles] will be used ... Iran armed with ballistic missiles could sway the whole politics of the Middle East and undermine existing security arrangements," Netanyahu said;

A further risk was that Islamic fundamentalist movements involved in terrorism would be emboldened to act if Iran acquired

Netanyahu also cited a threat from what

he described as liza's engeing attempts to develop nuclear weapons, one said interna-tional concern should focus equally on Iran, which was "developing these weapons with the same enthusiasm but without any limita-

"Iran is developing auciest weapons, chemical weapons, biological weapons, he said. Tran is also developing ballistic missiles that can propel these missiles not only to Israei but in a second stage to Europe and in a third stage to the eastern seaboard of the United States."

Douglas Davis adds: Nemnyahu was greeted by about 50 Peace Now demonstrators when he arrived to address Jewish leaders in London last night. They carried placards supporting the peace process and calling on Netanyahu to resign. Inside the packed hall, Netanyahu told the audience he was seeking to "negotiate a his-

toric settlement with the Palestinian within the coming year." He also appealed to the Diaspora to support a compromise that will allow the "evolution of a solution" to religious rife within

"All streams - Orthodox, Conservative and Reform - we're all Jews. It doesn't marter to me."

Netanyahu, Albright to meet today in London

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu wili mee today in London to discuss how to move ahead on the Israeli-Palestinian final-status talks.

The US believes that last week's ministerial summit here involving Albright, foreign minister David Levy and the Palestinian Authority's Mahmoud Abbas moved the peace process forward on several of the outstanding interim-stage issues and wants to build on that progress at the leadership

Albright will also meet tomorrow in Genera wild PA Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Albright "wants to have the opportunity to lay out her views process back on track now in signe of [last week's] discussions and what we think is necessary to be able to move forward." US special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross said in a speech Wednesday, to a forum gathered by Middle East Insight magazine.

Ross said that the meeting will deal primarily with the "four-part" agenda Albright laid out following her meeting with Levy and Abbas at the UN in late September.



English song contest

Shown at last night's second annual AACI English song contest (from left) are banjo player Bruce Brill, who came in fifth, and singers Olivia Werby, Rachel Jascow, and Margalit Jakob. Newcomer Drew Hoile and Baruch Friedland won a range victory for their Beatles-style song 'Too Many Nights.' Second place went to last year's second-place winner, Ann Limor, for her quiet ballad 'The Gift.' Yisrael Lutnick took third with his 'Can We Ever Have Music,' while fourth went to first-time competitor Batya Walker for 'Dreams.' Hoile a new immigrant from Australia teamed up with Israeli lyricist Friedland in the winning

Arafat plans to declare statehood in 1999

By Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

The Palestinian Authority will declare statehood in 1999 - if need be unilaterally - at the end of the five-year interim period of autonomy, PA Chairman Yasser Arafat declared yesterday.

"I want to tell them that we will be able to implement what we promised our people," Arafat told reporters in Gaza after a meeting with Canadian Foreign Minister

Lloyd Axworthy. The interim agreement is five years. Three years of it has passed, and we are waiting for the next two years to declare [statehood,]" Arafat said, "At the end of the five years, our target will be to establish

our independent state." Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's communications adviser, David Bar-Ilian, said a unilateral declaration of statehood would violate earlier agreements "because it prejudices negotiations on the final status."

In the final status agreement, to Bibi Netanyahu is slamming them be reached by May 1999, Israel and closed, one after another. the Palestinians must agree on the nature of the emerging Palestinian entity. It is widely believed the agreement will include provisions for Palestinian statehood in parts of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Arafat yesterday accused Netanyahu of dragging his feet in the negotiations.

"The Israeli government is trying to waste time," Arafat said. In a meeting with a delegation from Gush Shalom, Arafat also

blamed Israel for rumors that he was in bad health. "The government of fsrael is spreading baseless rumors about my health condition," Arafat said.

The Gush Shalom delegation, beaded by Uri Avineri, reported that Arafat was very pessimistic about the peace process. "In the days of Rabin, a brave man who was my partner in the

peace process, every door in the

world was opened to the state of

Israel," Arafat told them. "Now

closed, one after another. Netanyahu will bring disaster to us all, not just to the Israelis and the Palestinians, but also to the [people of the] entire region."

In a related development, some 1,000 Palestinian schoolchildren marched in Hebron yesterday to mark Palestinian independence day. The main celebrations are scheduled for tomorrow, which has been observed as a national holiday in recent years.

Waving Palestinian flags and pictures of Arafat, the children chanted: "Long live the leader" and "Yes to self-determination."

It has been nine years since Arafat - then still in exile declared Palestinian independence during the November 15, 1988, session of the Palestine National Council. The declaration was widely perceived at the time as a symbolic act - the Palestinians never delineated the boundaries of their state - and most countries have not recognized it.



Palestinian Anthority Chairman Yasser Arafat chats with Canadian Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy following their meeting at Arafat's office in Gaze City yesterday (AP)

Rubinstein and Reno

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discuss teen murder suspect By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - Altorney-General Elvakim Rubinstein told his American counterpart Janet Reno yesterday that his decision to allow the extradition of S., the Maryland teenager wanted for murder, was made "despite the

pressure" from the US. Reno said she appreciated Rubinstein's cooperation on the case of the 17-year-old. She told Rubinstein that while she is very sensitive to Israeli law, she places great importance on the accused's being tried in the

pressure and not because of the

In the meeting, according to an Israeli Embassy official,

Rubinstein reviewed bis legal thinking on the case and said that ali efforts will be made to implement the bilateral entradition

He also explained the Justice Ministry's work, predating the S. case, to try to change the law to allow for an Israeli citizen to be tried abread for a crime committed there, provided he serve ais

sentence in Israel. The other item on Rabinstein's agenda was the case of convicted spy Jonathan Pollard. He requested that Reno commute his life sentence to the 12 years he has already served, or at least

reduce it. Rubinsicin also invited Reno to visit Israel



Avishai Raviv (left), at a demonstration several years ago.

Reflections on a 'reliable' source

For reporters covering the extreme right wing following the 1994 Machpela Cave massacre by Baruch Goldstein in Hebron, Avishai Raviv was a

Raviv's role as a GSS informant was documented in the classified portion of the Shamgar Report released yester-

Prior to Goldstein, the extreme right-wing organizations - whose spokesman were in constant contact with reporters - provided a dilemma. Do you report their statements and claimed illegal acts, thereby giving these groups the publicity that sustains them. or do you ignore them? Prior to Goldstein, the tendency was to ignore them; to dismiss them as publicity-seeking extremists who "talked the talk, but did not walk the walk."

Goldstein changed that perception. No longer were the threats from wild-eyed extremisis in groups like Kach and Kahane Hai dismissed as bravado. Goldstein proved there-were people who would translate these extreme words and slogans into heinous actioo.

From that time on, all claims and threats and statements by the extreme Right were takeo more seriously. This is when Avishai Raviv walked in. Although Raviv had made headlines a few years earlier with his verbal assault on the Druse head of Tel Aviv University's students association, and a physical assault on Hadash MK Tamar Gozansky during a Kach demonstration, he only became a media fixture around the time of the Goldstein massacre.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK By HERB KEINON

Raviv, unlike many rank-and file activists (as opposed to the familiar spokesmen) on the extreme Right at that time, was willing - even eager - to talk.

About a year before the massacre. Raviv formed Eyal, and one of its first actions was to circulate a leaflet calling on the youth not to serve in the IDF. "The government of Israel has

lost its moral authority in our eyes and we do not see ourselves as obligated to it in any way," the leaflet said. The leaflet called upon people not to serve in the IDF because "it has become political and serves the narrow interests of Rabin's traitorous government."

Raviv first came to the attention of some reporters at a press conference Kach held days after the Goldstein massacre. He stood io the shadows of Kach's Jerusalem office and was talkative. Beeper numbers were exchanged, and from then on Raviv was a good source of information on the doings and

thinking of the extreme Right. His information was reliable. and he could be counted on for the extreme quote. For instance, at the first anniversary of the Goldstein massacre, Raviv, pre-sent at Goldstein's grave in Kiryat Arba, said: "I came here to identify with the man. I am not sorry that Arabs died, I think many more should die."

lead, Raviv replied: "Not everyone is at his level. Everyone has their role to play."

Raviv quickly joined a list that included Baruch Marzel, Noam Federman, and Itamar Ben-Gvir as someone who could be called oo all matters pertaining to the extreme right wing. He would also occasionally initiate contact, usually from a pay phone at the Tel Aviv Central Bus Station. He created an impression of authenticity by seeming to always have one fnot in the underground.

There were a couple of things about Raviv that, only afterwards, did not seem to fit. How was it that this student in his mid-twenties had two apartments, one in Ma'aleh Adumim, and one in Kiryat Arba? Nor did he seem to fit the stereotypical mold of a Jewish history and philosophy student at Bar-llan University.

Also, if he was involved in as many, illicit activities as he claimed - from organizing illedemonstrations "patrolling" streets in Hebron and harassing Arabs - why was

In dealing with the right-wing organizations, reporters come to learn quickly that, in general, the doers don't talk, and the talkers don't do. Which is why Baruch Goldstein and Yigal Amir were unknown quantities they did not seek the limelight while people like Baruch Marzel and Noam Federman, publicity hounds, seem to pose no real security risk.

Raviv appears to have been the

Criminal complaints still pending against Raviv Calls to

By BATSHEVA TSUR

GSS informer Avishai Raviv did not receive total immunity from prosecution and a number of complaints about possible criminal activities on his part are still being investigated, the State Attorney's Office announced last evening.

However, the authorities were not aware of many of Raviv's alleged activities, because no complaints were lodged against him, the statement added.

The statement came in response to allegations in the media, following the publication of two classified sections of the Shamgar Report on the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin relating to Raviv's activities. According to these allegations, Raviv was not brought to trial for his extremist activities because the GSS, for whom he was working, took care to close files against him.

In fact, the State Attorney's Office said yesterday, "to the best of our knowledge, no complaints were lodged about the majority of the acts carried out by Raviv and described in the classified appendix and neither the police nor the State Anomey's Office was aware of them and therefore no files were opened against him. The Shamgar Report notes that most of these activities were only brought to the attention of the GSS post

Justice Ministry had studiously refused to reveal details of investigations into Raviv's activities, saying merely that an unspecified number of complaints "from before the assassination" were being looked into. Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein hopes to wind up the investigations shortly after his return from

the US next week, the ministry

spokesperson added. But yesterday's statement was more forthcoming. It noted that, in one case, Raviv had been charged in the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court and found guilty for attacking Hadash MK Tamar Gozansky in

It said that "other files... had indeed been closed... by the police and the State Attorney's Office for legal reasons (lack of evidence or lack of interest to the public) without any connection to (and sometimes without any awareness of) the fact that he was an agent."

It was therefore only in a minority of cases that it was decided to close a file against Raviv because of his GSS ties, "out of fear that bringing him to court would expose him as an agent and pre-vent the possibility of getting vital information from him which could thwart possible harm to human

Of 15 police files opened against Raviv, the State Attorney's Office

Over the past few days, the was responsible for closing three, ustice Ministry had studiously the statement added. "Two of the files were closed after an investigation, without any connection to his being an agent. A third file (relating to the 'initiation ceremonies' affair) is still pending and there is no foundation to reports that it was closed by former attorney-general Michael Ben-Yair." The reference is to the initiation ceremony held by the extremist Eyal organization allegedly found-ed by Raviv, footage of which was screened on Israel TV's Channel

> The appendix to the Shamgar Report lists a large number of illegal activities attributed to Raviv for which he was not charged - including physical violence, attacks on property, masquerading as a policeman and "searching" Arabs, as well as participation in the setting up of "Napatz," a Hebrew aeronym for "Zionist Fascist Youth" 1990.

The section of the appendix relating to ties between the GSS and the police was not made pub-lic. Yesterday's statement did not mention a file relating to charges that Raviv failed to inform his superiors of Yigal Amir's intention to assassinate Rabin. The ministry spokesman coofirmed last night that the attorney-general is still to decide on the fate of a file "dealing with failure to pre-

no basis for rumors that the GSS was either directly or iodirectly involved in a conspiracy. "This falsehood seriously harms the GSS's ability to carry out its difficult fight against terror and subversiveness," the statement said.

prosecute

intensify

By LIAT COLLINS

Yesterday's publication of the

previously classified material on

Avishai Raviv from the Shamgar

Commission report on the assassi-nation of Yitzhak Rabin led to

increased calls for Raviv's prose-

the secret services took the unusu-

al step of issuing a statement declaring "its complete faith in the General Security Service, which carried out its work faithfully and

is fully committed to a democratic regime, its rules and laws."

The subcommittee said there is

The Knesset subcommittee on

The statement said there were serious defects in the way Raviv was handled, from which the GSS must be learn. It said it would monitor the GSS's work to ensure that agents did not cause harm to innocent individuals, bodies, or political groups.

Law Committee chairman Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party) said Raviv should be tried and the GSS should apologize to the residents of Hebron blamed for the violent acts against Arabs he instigated and carried out. He said Raviv's handlers should also be tried and said a committee should be established to decide procedure relating to the operation of agents in protest groups. Communications Minister Limor

Livnat and Moledet's Rehavam Ze'evi made similar statements.

. Tsomet whip Eliezer Zandberg said Ravly should stand trial for not preventing the assassination, but added: "It is important to remember that the discussions on Raviv. are secondary, and we would be mistaken to suffice with this without looking deeper into the processes and bodies which brought about the murder."

Alex Lubotzky (Third Way) said the report does not lend support to conspiracy theories but revealed "a serious moral failing in the GSS."

The Likud faction issued a statement saying Raviv's role in the provocations and incitement which preceded the assassination must be thoroughly investigated.

Opposition MKs however said the Right could not use Raviv to absolve itself. Ran Cohen (Meretz) said Raviv was a rightwing extremist before he was recruited by the GSS, but he said Raviv should be tried for his criminal activities.

Bar-Illan: Labor government used Raviv to blame settlers

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Officials and ministers in the previous government were aware of Avishai Raviv's activities and kept quiet, blaming the settlers, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's policy adviser David Bar-Illan charged yesterday.

He called the revelations about Raviv shocking, with extremely grave implications. He demanded an immediate investigation, charging it is inconceivable that an agent employed by the state was allowed to operate and cause unfold damage to national security.

Settlement leaders yesterday also charged that General Security Service officials were fully aware of Raviv's provocative activities and did nothing to stop him. They said his activities led to the entire settler community being blacklisted by the former government, left-wing organizations, and large segments of the population.

Settler leaders said that while they are aware that there are informers living within their communities, a number of active agents continue to incite.

Kiryat Arba spokesman Tsuri Popovitch said he knows of some 10 agents who were active in the community from 1987 until the Rabin assassination. Since then, he said, the agents have lowered their profiles.

However, he charged that as a result of Raviv's activities the entire community's name has been blackened, and he demanded all those involved be bought to justice. He recalled the murder in Halhoul that Raviv, then heading the extreme right-wing group Eyal, took responsibility for. "Later it came to light that Arabs, not Jews, had killed Arabs."

Noam Amon, spokesman for the Hebron Jewish community, said he is sure no informers are operating in Hebron because the community is small and closeknit, but said he could not rule out the possibility that agents are still operating in Kiryat Arba and other areas in Judea and Samaria.

Shilo Gal, head of the Gush Etzion Regional Council, said he knows the identities of two agents working in the settlements. He refused to name the settlements, and said be raised the issue in a meeting between settlement leaders and OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan 18 months ago.

Gal said the their identities became known after Russian immigrants raised suspicions, fearing the two were KGB agents. One of the two, he said, worked at the Gush Etzion Regional Council before moving on to work in the Efrat local council. Later, he said, the same agent attempted to infiltrate

an organization run by MK Benny Elon (Moleder) and then worked for a period in the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza. Council spokesman Yechiel Leiter said he could not recall anyone who worked at the council who encour-

aged incitement. He charged however that while the GSS may feel it necessary to operate informers, there is a vast difference between employing people to inform and allowing agents to incite to murder and take part in provoca-

Council spokeswoman Yehudit Tayar recalled that oo several occasions Raviv and other agents attempted to force the council into carrying out more provocative and violent activities.

Meanwhile Aharon Domb, the council's directorgeneral, whose name was mentioned in the report after Raviv threatened his family, said he could not understand why the state attorney had closed cases concerning Raviv's activities.

The police advised me at the time to install listening devices in my home and told me they suspected Raviv was behind the threats I was receiving," he said.

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Yuval Rabin receives death threat

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

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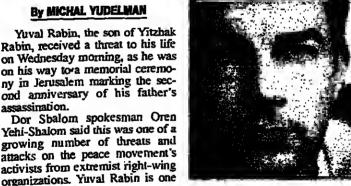
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Yuval Rabin, the son of Yitzhak Rabin, received a threat to his life on Wednesday morning, as he was on his way to a memorial ceremony in Jerusalem marking the sec-ond anniversary of his father's assassination. Dor Sbalom spokesman Oren

growing number of threats and attacks on the peace movement's activists from extremist right-wing organizations. Yuval Rabin is one of the heads of the group. At 9:40 a.m. a male voice with a heavy Russian accent left this message on Rabin's cell phone: "If you

continue in your father's path, you will follow in his footsteps." The threat came less than two weeks after a Dor Shalom office in Jerusalem that doubles as a play center for needy children was

burned down. Rabin, who filed a complaint with the police, refused to comment on the threat and his fellow activists in Dor Shalom said he remained unfazed.



Yuval Rabin

But Yehi-Shalom said "frankly I'm a little concerned. Anyone could walk into our office. I hope we don't reach a stage in which

we're afraid to work here." He said Dor Shalom had its eye on a number of radical groups and, together with the police, which has set up a special investigation team, traced the threats to a Jerusalembased group of extreme right wing immigrants from Russia.

"They know we're following

their steps and we assume they're after us," Yehi-Shalom said. "We urge the security forces to take note that there are people who still advocate violence and may act in violent ways."

Another group the police have their eye on focuses on slandering the late Yitzhak Rabin, whom they charge with murdering the victims of the bombing of the Altalena in

A fax recently received at Dor Shalom's office listed the names of those who died on the Altalena, and added: "Rahin murdered them in cold blood, voluntarily, and then strode on their blood to power. The people of Israel forgot, but God hasn't forgonen and will retaliate, measure for measure. That is God's

way."
Yehi-Shalom said "I think I know

who is behind that threat. It shows our movement is very disturbing to certain people, although we emphasize our objection to any provocation. Yuval Rahin called only last Friday, on Army Radio, for tolerance and denounced ads which had heen published against Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu."

Yehi-Shalom reponed that a Jerusalem hair dresser named Haim, who hung up a pro-Rahin poster in his shop on the anniversary of the murder, has been attacked and threatened several times in the last two days.

Asked to comment on this week's death threat received by Moledet MK Benny Elon, Yehi-Shalom said: "We are deeply shocked. We know we cannot exclude the possibility of a 'wild weed' on the Left, too."

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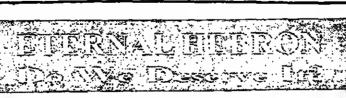


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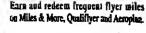
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Barak, Levy deny conferring to bring down government

By SARAH HONIG

Foreign Minister David Levy and Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak both denied that their meeting yesterday afternoon was part of any scheme to bring down the government or to discuss a possible deal between Labor and Gesher.

Barak also declared a national unity government "unlikely, unless the government totally changes its course."

Meanwhile a source close to Netanyahu emphasized that "at the prime minister's upcoming meeting with the leader of the opposinon, the only topic will be recon-ciliation and not political coalition

The Levy-Barak meeting, soon after the close of the turbulent Likud convention, generated intense speculation. However, the meeting had been planned several weeks ago and had been put off

The two conferred at Levy's Tel Aviv bureau. Both participants insisted that the purpose of the meeting was for Levy to brief his predecessor.

"I merely brought Barak up to date on matters which I thought be should know, given his status and role in our public life," Levy said. Nothing ever came up about

cooperating to bring down [Prime Minister Binyaminl Netanyahu. This is the irrational speculation of madmen. The issue does not exist," Levy protested.

"Likewise there was no issue of any merger between Gesher and Labor or of Labor reserving slots on its Knesset list for Gesher. The notion of a national unity government also never came up. The meeting was not anything unusual and should be regarded as a perfectly natural occurrence. All the talk surrounding this get-together makes as much sense as the babblings of a stumbling drunk."

Barak echoed Levy, maintaining that "politics never came up in our conversation. Neither did we address ourselves to the question of any conperation between our parties. We did exchange views on matters of state."

As to the much-touted national unity issue, Barak noted that he "has received no invitation, When one comes, l'Il respond, l agree



Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak and Foreign Minister David Levy shake hands before their meeting yesterday.

with the attempt to lower tensions and promote national reconciliation but national unity is not on the cards now.

"We have a problem with the Netanyahu government. It is not leading us to peace and security but to paralysis. So long as this government does not fundamentally overhaul its guidelines, I don't see a national unity government as likely."

Later, at a meeting of the Labor Party political bureau, Barak delivered the same message but couched it in different terms, saying: "If the government changes its policies 180 degrees and if it then invites us into a national unity government, we would have a tough time saying no."

All this did not prevent furious disagreements inside Labor. MK Yossi Beilin warned that "Labor would go into such a government divided and torn.

MK Haggai Merom warned Barak that "the only mandate you

have is to talk about reconciliation but not of coalitions."

MK Shlomo Ben-Ami said "Labor must be a clear alternative and not a fifth wheel on a wagon careening out of control into the

Levy's faction was not of one mind either. MK Yehuda Lankri, a one-time Mapam member, was enthusiastic about the prospect of aligning his party with Labor.

"We had tried partnership with the Likud for a year-and-a-half and we had not been able to give expression to Gesher's unique platform. If I had to choose, I would prefer the Labor option," he said.

But MK Michael Kleiner stressed that "Gesher is part of the Likud bloc and all its MKs were elected on the Likud list, It cannot break away willy-nilly and I know for a fact that Levy will not take part in any scheme to topple

Shas leader Arveh Deri reported

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yesterday that he had met with Netanyahu late Wednesday night, hours before the prime minister went abroad.

"The Netanyahu government will survive longer than the pundits assume, to no small extent because it's a coalition that no one has any alternative for. There are no other viable choices and the rest is talk," Deri said.

But contrary to what is said in Netanyahu's office, Deri's impression is that when "Netanyahu meets Barak, after the prime minister returns, he will make a national unity offer. If Barak will not accept, he will have made a dreadful error from his point of view, because once and offer is made and rejected. Netanyahu will survive quite securely in office till the year 2000."

He agreed that "much of the national unity talk is used as a whip to keep unruly Likud ministers and MKs in line on the eve of the budget vote. If they do not toe

the line, they are warned of alter-natives which will cost them their portfolios." Deri, concluded, however, that

"Netanyahu made mistakes in his dealings with his ministers at the Likud convention and did not thereby strengthen himself, but he will survive." In the Likud there was an effort

yesterday to put the lid on talk of an organized drive in the party to bring down Netanyahu by recruiting MKs to join a Labor no-confidence motion. If 80 MKs vote against Netanyahu, it forces a new election for prime minister but not for the Knesset. "This is stupid talk," asserted

Science Minister Michael Eitan, mentioned as one of the ringleaders of the anti-Netanyahu plot. 'It's crazy. What we are doing in the Likud now is attempting to examine what happened at theconvention and to draw conclusions from it, but certainly not to bring down our own government."

FM won't attend Doha conference

By Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

Foreign Minister David Levy will not attend the Middle East and North Africa economic conference in Oatar that opens Sunday, the Foreign Ministry announced yesterday. The ministry said the Israeli delegation would be headed by Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky.

A ministry statement said Levy informed his Qatari counterpart. Sheikh Khamad al-Tanni, who had invited him to Doha, and the American government of his decision, citing the "economic nature" of the conference.

"In his letter, the foreign minister explained to Foreign Minister Sheikh al-Tanni, that due to the explicit economic nature of the conference, it would be preferable that a senior economic minister should head the Israeli delegation.

The foreign minister extolled Qatar's determination to hold the conference on time. He ended his letter by emphasizing his intention to continue to work to advance the peace process in the entire region."

"We waited to see what the Arab states were going to do, who's going," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said. "And because hardly any foreign ministers are taking part, underscoring the meeting's economic character, he [Levy] thought, in coordination with the government, that the delegation should be led by an economic minister.'

The Israeli delegation will include Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel and senior officials from the Foreign and other ministries, as well as some 30 busi-

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright had pressed Israel to send Levy. She will be spending a few hours at the three-day meeting.

Egypt and Saudi Arabia as well as Bahrain, Morocco and the United Arab Emirates are boycotting the meeting. Jordan, Kuwait, Yemen, Tunisia and Oman have confirmed their attendance. The head of the Arab League,

citing lack of progress towards Middle East peace, will stay away from the conference, a League spokesman said.

"Arab League Secretary-General Esmat Abdel-Meguid sent his apologies to Qatar's Sheikh Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani on Wednesday, saying he could not attend because of the lack of tangible progress in the Middle East peace process," the spokesman

"He [Abdel-Meguid] said this was a result of the practices of the current Israeli government, which is violating previous agreements and accords," he added.

Syrian newspapers yesterday applauded Arab states' boycott of the conference, saying their action showed that Arabs could not be pushed around.

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"The almost complete boycott of the Doha economic conference because of Israel's participation confirms anew that countries of the region cannot be pushed to [do] something that is against their Arab and national interests," al-Baath, the ruling party newspaper, said.

"Their [Arabs] powers of resisting pressures and ability to strengthen themselves and defend their national strategic causes are far bigger than those who want to plan the future of the region can imagine," it added.

"There is a deep understanding that this conference is against the interests of the people in the region and does not serve the progress of the peace process," al-Baath said. "This conference does a favor

for the Israeli aggressor and gives him a reward for his aggression before peace is achieved," it added, "Where is the Arab interest in offering the chance to Netanyahu to grasp the fruits of peace before peace is achieved?"

The English-language official daily Syria Times said the Arab boycon was a successful test of Arab ability to confront Israeli policies with a united stand,

"Arabs must stop all dealings with Israel and strengthen cooperation among their countries on one hand and toughen measures to keep Israel isolated," Syria Times

"The massive boycott of the Doha conference is the first successful test," it said.
The official daily Tishreen con-

demned the conference, saying it would be a reward for Israel for its policy of expanding settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"The Arab boycott has shown that it is impossible to reward Israel for its aggressive and expansionist policy. The conference, as it was planned, aims at serving Israel, breaking Arab solidarity and pushing the Netanyahu govemment more and more in its breakthroughs on the Arab stage," Tishreen said.

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plan to hold meetings with

Education Minister Zevulun

"Under this new system, every

school will buy whatever they

want, but that's not the way state

education is supposed to work,"

she said. "Every pupil is supposed to be able to receive the education

he or she needs from the state.

This will definitely burt the poorer

"We also don't believe that ped-

agogic matters should be turned

into commercial ones. We look at

this the same way we viewed

introducing advertisements in the

According to the report, schools would be free to purchase their

curriculum outlines from private

companies or individuals and

would set their own educational

an "educational output" they would have to meet, and would

present pupils with predetermined

They would then be advised of

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spokeswoman for the

terday.

Parents threaten to shut school

one New Yorker lost oearly \$7 million; and a Swiss bank lost \$3

Parents of children at the Orot Etzion school in Efrat plan to

keep its 1,000 pupils home starting Sunday, to protest the lack of cleaning services that have led to a health hazard.

school's cleaners with a cleaning company earlier this year, with-

our consulting school officials. The new level of cleaning has

been so bad that a school nurse demanded the girls school be

Tel Aviv-Jerusalem trains back on track

closed recently after a teacher contracted hepatitis at the school.

The boys school is fast approaching the same situation, according

The train service from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem is to be resumed

closed temporarily following several derailments in the Bar-Giora

Teachers oppose privatizing

of curriculum planning

Reports that the Education on their success in bringing the

on Sunday, after a three-week closure for repairs. The line was

A parents association official said the local council replaced the

Jerusolem Post Staff

educational tasks they would be

Schools would then be judged

Moshe llan of the center said

yesterday the Treasury had decid-

ed to close down the unit, which

employs some 200 people, many

of them educators who work there

on a part-time basis in addition to

teaching, "because they're always

looking to cut manpower in the

However, he said the center is

one of the few places where cur-

ricula are provided for all sectors

of the population and for all sub-

If the center is closed and cur-

riculum planning turned over to

private companies, materials will

only be prepared for the most pop-

ular, commercially-viable sub-

jects, and will be geared towards

the wealthier elements in society,

Education Ministry Director-

General Benzion Dell said that he

and other ministry officials are

still examining the potential

impact of the move, and that it

does not necessarily mean the complete closure of the center.

that "by its nature, this should stay

within the Education Ministry, but

I am prepared to hear other opin-

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is not good from a pedagogic

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He said he is inclined to believe

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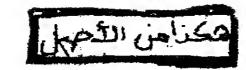
blow up a government building in eastern Jerusalem in the 1980's

Palestinian security prisoners. She was arrested again in October.

Brooklyn lawyer David Schick pleaded guilty in two US federal

non barring her former husband, Doron Neuberger, from publisbing tapes, letters, and pictures of her. The court said it has the authority to resolve disputes between former spouses.

Ramat Gan Family Court decided yesterday that it has the



Hizbullah: 1,179 men lost since '82

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Hizbullah has lost 1,179 meo in fighting with the IDF and South Lebanese Army since 1982, the organization's leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah iold a Tuesday rally in Baalbek marking Hizbullah's "Martyrs Day."

He said the fatalities included

Jane's Defence Weekly: Arrow missile

project to speed up

By ARIEH O'SULLIYAN

The Arrow-2 anti-ballistic missile project is to be accelerated by about a year, with ooe development phase to be eliminated to enable its early production, despite a failed test launch last August, Jone's Defense Weekly said.

According to the Londonbased weekly, the beads of the largely US-funded program decided to skip a development stage to hasten is deployment amid a growing missile threat to the country.

Defense officials declined to comment on the report.

The site for the Arrow-2's radar, known as Green Pine, bas reportedly been selected, as well as the location of the first battery. There was no indication as to which development stage has been eliminated.

The Arrow was largely successful in its first four tests. But on its fifth test last August, it was ordered destroyed when it swung wildly out of control shortly after launch.

• Following the malfunction, officials said the centerpiece of Israel's drive to develop an antimissile defensive shield would be kept on schedule.

American and Israeli experts, they said, quickly determined that the reason for the failure was a single part that had not been properly inspected, and this did not require a return to the drawing board.

At a Tel Aviv press conference a week after the failure, Arrow project heads said the missile would start being deployed in late 1998 and be operational by the beginning of 1999.

At the time, Uzi Eilam, the head of the Defense Ministry's weapons development and tecbnology branch, said, "There are no shortcuts and we don't believe in cutting corners."

Speaking at a missile conference in Tel Aviv two weeks ago, Uzi Rubio, bead of Israel's Missile Defense Organization which is responsible for the Arrow - said there are over 1,000 surface-to-surface missiles in the Middle East.

"The appearance of anti-bal listic defeose capability will bave a positive effect and make the existing fleet (of surface-10surface missiles) obsolete,

So far the project has cost about \$1.6 billion, with the US providing about two-thirds.

Beduin evicted near Ma'aleh **Adumim**

Police evicted several Beduin families from an eocampment near Ma aleb Adumim yesterday, saying they were squattiog

Mobammed Hiresh, a leader of Mobammed Hiresh, a leader of the Jahalin tribe, said police moved the beloogings of six families from about 20 families from about 20 tin shacks and destroyed the structures.

"This is an illegal act," he said, adding that the tribe had said, adding that the tribe had lived on the land since Israel forced them to leave their land in the land since Israel

forced them to leave the in the Negev in 1950.

Civil Administration spokesman Peter Lerner said two families were evicted after they ignored repeated notices to

They were directed to a site which has been designated for the Jahalin tribe in order to receive a plot of land. They received orders to move.

Unfortunately they ignored them," Lerner said. lsrael has evicted groups of Beduin from the site since the Jahalin lost a legal battle in the Jahalin lost a legal battle in the High Court of Justice last year.
Human rights groups have

Human rights groups have said the new site allocated for the Jahalin tribe is located some 500 meters from a rubbish down and would cause

those killed in training accidents, of south Lebanon." air raids, operations, and suicide bombings.

The rally, in an unusual development, also honored "martyrs" of the Lebanese Army. Nasrallah said that Hizbullah fighters and soldiers of the Lebanese Army are now fighting together against the "Zionist enemy's occupation

Nasrallah took advantage of the

rally to intensify the organization's campaign of psychological warfare aimed indirectly at swaying public opinion in Israel and more directly at the SLA.
"While the Israelis are forming

popular movements calting for a pullous from Lebanon and while

wanting to join the resistance," he

Nasrallah also spoke about plans, backed by the Iranians and organization to be known as the Lebanese Squads. They are to be

composed of Lebanese who are

the SLA has disappeared, we not necessarily Moslems and not have a groundswell of people members of Hizbullah, but who want to join in the fight to oust the IDF and SLA from the securi-

ty zone. Other Hizbullah officials have Syrians, for another resistance recently warned of a pending intensification of the fighting in south Lebanon following a tem-



Greenpeace activists display a 'Noah's ark' in Tel Aviv yesterday to warn of climatic changes due to global warming (Greenpeace Livrae)

Greenpeace warns of regional warming

By LIAT COLLINS

Greenpeace activists yesterday built a symbolic model of Noah's ark in Tel Aviv to protest the dangers of rising seas, floods, and storms as the result of climatic The group also published a

report: "Climatic Change and the Mediterranean Region," which said that rising carbon dioxide emissions will introduce new threats to human health, ecosystems, and national economies in

the Mediterranean basin. The climatic changes will criocally affect the region, adding to problems of desertification, the report said. Most projections point to more rain in winter and less in summer in the Mediterranean region. Even areas receiving more rain may get drier because of increased evaporation and

The group is urging the upcoming Kyoto Climate Conference to

bution and intensity.

changes in seasonal raiofall distri-

"A failure to agree on legally Mediterranean. As the world binding CO2 reductions in Kyoto will seriously endanger the future of the peoples in the Mediterranean region," said Ofer Ben-Dov, Greenpeace Mediterranean spokesman in Israel.

Israel is backing the US which refuses to radically cut CO2 emis-

According to the report, temperatures could rise by more than 4 degrees Celsius by 2100 over many inland areas and by more than half of this over the

warms, global sea levels will rise as oceans expand and glaciers

Around much of the Mediterranean sea levels could rise by close to a meter by 2100. As a result, some low-lying coastal areas could be lost through flooding or erosion, and rivers and coastal aquifers would become saltier. This could intensify water scarcity problems along the Nile Delta and in much

Aviation authorities: Close Hiriya dump

By LIAT COLLINS

The fear of a serious accident arising from aircraft colliding with birds is pushing the civil aviatioo authorities to demand the Hiriya garbage dump near Ben-Gurion Airport be demolished. But for the same reason, the Defense Ministry is opposed to developing the Oron landfill in the Negev as an alterna-

El Al has reportedly noted a 20 percent rise in the number of serious incidents, to 62, involving

By JUDY SIEGEL

A joint Arab-Jewish medical

team in Taibe and Petah Tikva

has created a list of "inbreeding

coefficients" for 69 Arab villages

and towns that quantifies the

risks of bereditary diseases

among those who marry close

relatives. The authors oote that

the list will be a valuable source

of information for gynecologists,

geoeticists, and pediatricians and

for public health staffers prepar-

ing prevention campaigns.
Writing in the latest issue of

Horefuoh, the journal of the

Israel Medical Association, Luifi

Jaber, Orli Romano, and Mordecbai Shohai of the Children's Medical Center in

Taibe and Schneider Children's

Medical Center for Israel in

Petah Tikva note that consan-

guinity (marriage of close relatives, usually cousins) is very common in the Arab and Moslem

While the motivation is usually

to keep wealth and land in the

family, it also occurs in isolated

rural villages where the choice of

brides from unrelated families is

Israeli Arabs, mostly Moslems,

are demographically unique, say

the authors, as many who left

their original villages to find

work continue to have close ties

period in 1996.

Who rules the skies?

The Magazine

Team studies inbreeding

in Arab villages

The Defense Ministry this week informed Environment Ministry Director-General Nehama Ronen that it opposes the development of

to them. In Kalansua, for exam-

ple, the 10,000 residents speak a

dialect different from that of

Taibe, just five km. away.

The "founders' effect" on

inbreeding within founding fami-lies has produced a dispropor-

tionately high rate of hereditary

diseases whose recessive genetic

mutations were passed by mar-

riage between two relatives who

For example, in Tira is a large

family suffering from congenital

muscle-stiffness disease; Kfar

Kassem has numerous congeni-

tally blind and deaf residents;

and Jaljulya and Jisr-ez-Zarka

are known for their high preva-

lence of the blood disease tha-

The research team sent ques-

tionnaires about consanguinity to the fathers of 9,300 second

graders in 158 schools through-

out 69 Arab villages and towns

(excluding Beduin villages in the south); of these, an impressive

8,529 responses were received.

cient, calculated by a complex formula, was 0.0192, while the

figures ranged from 0.006 to

0.037, with the highest numbers

having the greatest risks of inher-

ited diseases. The riskiest places

were Beina, Jisr ez-Żarka,

Masrafi, Kaukab, Ramle, Abu

Ghosh, Salim, Turan, Kafr Bara,

Mash had, and Zalafa.

The average inbreeding coeffi-

both carry them.

planes colliding with birds so far the Oron landfill. Ronen said the from Ben-Gurion Airport, and there this year, compared to the same matter would be raised in the is no reason to wait for the first air Construction Council. She said her ministry believes it is of great importance to develop the Oron

> She said the planning process regarding Oron will not affect the decision to close Hiriya at the end of this year. The garbage from the central region will be transported to alternative sites.

"Hirya is a daily threat to the incoming and departing flights disaster to close it," she said. Ronen added that Israel also has

to prepare to incinerate waste, increase recycling, and reduce the quantity of waste. She said she would continue to press the Finance and Interior ministries on

the subject. Without intensive investment

in the treatment of waste, we will find ourselves within a few years buried in mountains of garbage," Ronen said.

Islamic Movement gaining support – expert

By DAVID RUDGE

The fundamentalist Islamic Movement is strengthening its hold on the country's Moslem community, according to Israeli-Arab affairs expert Dr. Eli Rekhess.

There are growing signs of a strengthening of the Islamic religious frame of identity withio the Arab community in Israel," said Rekhess, head of Tel Aviv University's program on Arab pol-

Rekhess maintained that the

movement's popularity is growing despite the split in its ranks into what he described as a dogmatic and a pragmatic faction. The pragmatists, led by the movement's spiritual head Sheikh Abdallah Nimr Darweesh, are participating in Israeli politics and have representatives in the Content of the more sentatives in the Knesset. The more radical faction, led by Umm el-Fahm Mayor Sheikh Raed Salah, prefers to remain out of the national political arena and concentrate instead on the municipal and local level. Both factions, however, promulgate the movement's religious teachings and take advantage of the government's neglect of the socioeconomic needs of the Israeli-Arab population, Rekhess said.

The movement has made a map of all Moslem holy sites, as well as deserted Arab villages, and is investing huge efforts in preserving, repairing and restoring these places," he added.

They are campaigning to return

the administration of all Wakf [Moslem religious trust] properties, which have been administered by the government since 1948, to the hands of the Moslem commu-

nity in Israel. They take action wherever there's the slightest chance of con-flict over such Islamic sites - such as in the case of the 10mb of Izzaldin al-Kassam which is located in a Moslem cemetery under the municipal jurisdiction of Nesher [near Haifa.] In that case, some

kind of compromise was reached. "These activities have resulted in iocreased popularity for the Islamic Movement among the grassroots. The movement has also demonstrated its ability to mobilize the masses. For example. between 35,000-50,000 people participated in a rally in Umm el-Fahm to protest against the opening of the Western Wall Tunnel last September."

Rekhess' program on Arab politics, which is run in conjunction

with the Adenauer Foundation, recently commissioned a comprehensive survey on political trends in the Israeli-Arab community, including the Islamic Movement's standing. Rekhess said the survey results, which are to be published next month, "are very significant."

IDF geniuses graduate

By AREH O'SULLIVAN

Eighteeo participants in the 1DF noiversity program for exceptionally gifted mathematicians and physicists completed their studies yesterday. They oow will be applying their talents while in uniform.

Yesterday's graduating class was the sixteenth to complete the program, known as Talpiot. The participants went straight from high school to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem to earn their degrees in mathematics and physics.
Shedding their nerd stigma,

the participants mix their three years of studies with a rigorous military training schedule which includes basic combat training and NCO and officers' school.

They also are given crash courses in oearly every branch of the IDF, including artillery, armor, cogineering, intelligence,

communication and logistics, plus courses with the air force

Of the 26 who began the program in 1994, eight dropped out. The graduates were given the rank of first lieutenant and are to be split up among the military's branches, where they will spend six years doing research and development.

"The Talpiot program is alive and dynamic and almost always in the center of the storm," said Uzi Eilam, the head of the Defense Ministry's weapons development and technology branch.

"We have many expectations of you. You will have to show awareness, curiosity, dynamism and wisdom and then have the ability to put them all together and contribute toward the future weapons systems of the IDF. Eilam said at the graduatioo ceremooy at the Israel Museum in

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EU offers new ideas on Syria talks

DAMASCUS (Reuters) -Luxembourg Foreign Minister Jacques Poos, head of a European Union mission to the Middle East, met with Syrian President Hafez Assad yesterday to present "oew ideas" aimed at reviving the Syrian-Israeli peace

"We bave new ideas which we will offer to our friends and partners io Syria and we hope to have good results," Poos told reporters before his talks with Assad. He did not give details.

Syrian presidential spokesman Jouhran Kourieh said Foreign Minister Farouk Shara and EU special envoy to the Middle East Miguel Moratinos were present at the meeting at the presidential

Poos had talks earlier in the day with Sbara, during which he stressed that peace could not be achieved between Syria and Israel without Israel's withdrawSyrian official said.

Poos expressed the European Union's support to the Middle East peace process, the landfor-peace principle, and the implementation of UN resolutions regarding the crisis," be

Officials accompanying Poos, who earlier had talks in Egypt. Jordan, Israel, and Gaza, said the EU wants to play a greater political and economic role in the peace process.

"Our role complements and does not contradict the role of the United States, the co-spoosor of the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations," an EU official said.

Officials said that Poos's talks in Damascus would also cover issues related to Syrian-EU cooperation in various fields, especially the economic sector.

Poos is due to visit Lebanoo

WTC bomb attack prosecutors vow to seize remaining terrorist

By DONNA DE LA CRUZ

NEW YORK (AP) - Only one suspect remains at large in the World Trade Ceoter bombing. and prosecutors tempered their pleasure at the conviction of the plot's mastermind with a vow to catch the last man. Ramzi Yousef, 29, and an

accomplice, Eyad Ismoil, 26, were coovicted Wednesday of conspiracy and other charges in the February 26, 1993, bombing. The blast killed six people, injured more than i,000 and did more than a balf billion dollars in damage to the twin towers.

Four Islamic extremists already have been sentenced to 240 years in prison in the bombing.

The jury heard more than 100 witnesses and viewed hundreds of exhibits over three months. Jurors deliberated for three days before voting to convict the men,

who could get up to life in prison.
Yousef is to be sentenced January 8: Ismoil on February 12. Their lawyers said they would appeal.

It was the fifth time in four years that prosecutors have prevailed at terrorism trials. But US Attorney Mary Jo White said it was too early to relax while one suspect is still at targe: Abdul Rahman Yasin, who was born in Indiana and moved to Iraq in the

"This case investigation will oever be over until we track down anyone associated with this type of terrorism," she said.

This was the second terrorism conviction for Yousef. He represented himself last year in a conspiracy trial for killing a Japanese man with a plane bomh in December 1994, and for plotting to kill 4,000 Americans in two days hy bombing a dozen airliners over the Far East. He has not to domb an American landmark,

We learned from all of these experiences. Every time we do this, it galvanizes us in law enforcement," FBI Assistant Director James Kalistrom said after the verdict.

Assistant US Attorney Lev Dassin told jurors in his closing arguments that Yousef and Ismoil bombed the World Trade Center because of their own prejudice and their own hatred for Israel. for the United States and for the people of the United States."
"Yousef was a terrorist," Dassin

said. "He came here to kill and to spread fear among the people of the United States.

Prosecutors said Yousef hoped to frighten the US out of support for Israel by blowing up the 110story towers and killing hundreds of thousands of people. They said he came to the US in 1992 solely

joining his coconspirators in Jersey City, New Jersey, where they ordered chemicals and rented a storage shed to accept deliveries and an apartment to serve as

a bomb factory. Ismoii was accused of driving the bomb-laden truck into the trade center's garage. He claimed he didn't know a bomb was in the van and was told it was a shipment of cleaning products.

Defense lawyers accused the FBI of lying, saying agents would do whatever they could to avenge one of the worst terrorist attacks in the nation's history. Yousef and Ismoil fled the

country the night of the bombing. Yousef was caught in Pakistan in 1995, the same year Ismoil was captured in Jordan.

Yousef bragged about the attack even as federal agents returned to life in prison while the others him in bandcuffs and leg irons to received long sentences.

feared agents would take it, authorities said.

An FBI agent said Yousef told him he would have made the bomb bigger if he had more money. He also expressed disappointment that only six people died, a witness testified.

Three of the four men convicted in 1994 of bombing the trade center were followers of Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, a blind Egyptian cleric who prosecutors said preached a fiery brand of Islam.

In 1995, Abdel-Rahman and nine others were convicted of conspiracy in a plot to blow op the United Nations, FBI headquarters and two tunnels and a bridge linking Manhattan to New Jersey. The sheik was sentenced

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The funeral took place on Thursday, November 13, 1997 (13 Heshvan 5758) at the Herzliya Cemetery.

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With deep sorrow I announce the passing away on 13 November 1997 of my companion in life

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A memorial service and unveiling of the tombstone of our beloved husband, father and grandfather

Dr. JOSHUA (Solly) STEINBERG 57 will take place on Tuesday, November 18, 1997 (18 Marheshvan) at 3:30 p.m. at the Sanhedria Cemetery, Jerusalem.

A Study Evening in his memory will be held at the Ohel Aharon Synagogue, 26 Rehov Harlap, Kiryat Shmuel, Jerusalem 5:00 p.m. Ma'ariv 5:30 p.m. Rabbi Yikizhak Peretz, Chief Rabbi of Ra'anana

Prof. Avraham Grossman, for the congregation Stanley Emerson, for the family Study of Mishnayot

Relatives, friends, and all who cherish his memory are invited.

Witness to fatal crash:

Diana's car was at 'supersonic' speed

LONDON (AP) - The motorcyclist who says he was the first person at the scene of the crasb that killed Princess Diana said in an interview published yesterday that the car had been going exceptionally fast. But he denied the driver had challenged paparazzi to catcb

The London newspaper The Guardian quoted Stephane Darmon, who was a holiday-relief motorcycle courier for Gamma picture agency at the time, as saying the car's speed had been 'almost supersonic.'

The Mercedes crashed in a Paris underpass early on August 31 while being pursued by photographers. French tests showed that Henri Paul, the driver, was drunk and had taken prescription drugs. Investigators have said the car was

Daimon, 32, denied reports that Paul issued a catch-me-if-you-can challenge. The car had darkened windows and they were all closed but I could see Diana inside. She was still wearing dark glasses," he was quoted as saying.

But he told the paper Paul had fooled with photographers as the waited at the Ritz Hotel for Diana and Fayed to emerge.

"Henri Paol began playing games with us, saying they would be out in 10 minutes, then five. He staged two false departures, in which Mercedes cars drove round Place Vendome and came back again," he told the paper.

It quoted him as saying be and Gamma photographer Romuald Rat sped off after the Mercedes on the courier's motorcycle when the real departure occurred.

"We drew even with the Mercedes at a traffic light," Darmon was quoted as saying. There were cars in front of the Mercedes, so it could oot just speed off when the lights turned to green. But it zigzagged quite cleverly through the traffic and was ahead of us when it turned into the slip road... Once it had turned into the dual carriageway,

it just took off - almost super-

By ANDREW BROWNE

BEIJING (Reuters) - Top

Chinese leaders will gather in Beijing next week to discuss clean-

ing up the country's troubled finan-

cial system amid a markets crisis

gripping Asia, officials and state bankers said yesterday.

But Premier Li Peng, speaking in

Japan, insisted the economy was in

good shape and that China had

escaped the turmoil rocking its

Backing up his optimistic assess-

ment, customs data showed China's trade surplus in the first ten

months of this year surged to \$35.5

billion from \$11.9 billion a year

The surplus is swelling China's

foreign exchange reserves and

Bank of China, the central bank,

said the leadership conclave in Beijing would last for three days

starting next Monday. It will be organized by the State Council, or

cabinet, reflecting its importance.

Chinese bankers said the gather-

ing would consider ways to reduce

risk in China's financial system and avoid the mistakes of Asian

economies now paying the price

for reckless lending, lax supervi-

sion and speculative currency

China's Big Four commercial

banks are plagued by bad debt

A spokesman for the People's

underpinning its currency.

Chinese leaders to

trouble

A few minutes later, Darmon and Rat in pursuit reached the underpass. They had seen the Mercedes's lights disappear into it but had not heard the crash, Darmon was quoted as saying.

"We were the first to get there the investigating magistrate says we arrived 30 seconds after the crasb. Everything I remember from this moment, even the sounds, is in slow motion, like in a film. The car was almost facing us, with its bonnet in the wall, There was glass everywhere.

"I drove up to it and Romuald got off. The others were arriving. I drove on a little further, to the exit of the tunnel.

"The photographers lined up on the right-hand side of the wreck. All the bodies were in the car. The underpass was white with flashlights. The cameras were going like machine guns. It was so dazzling that, for a while from my vantage point at the exit of the tunnel, I could not see the Mercedes.

There were 10 or 15 photographers and maybe some onlookers. Romuald opened the rear right hand door. Serge Amal from Stills, [another agency] made a sign to indicate he was calling the emergency services. Some police officers arrived."

Darmon said he is currently jobless. "The photographers have been given their press cards and are working again. I am unem-ployed," having been dropped by Gamma.

"I was only a temporary employee. Their lawyer still represents me but, really, he represents the agency. I cannot afford my own lawyer."

Darmon, Rat and a group of other photographers were placed under investigation after the crash to determine what role they may bave played in the accident and whether they violated France's "Good Samaritan" law. Lawyers acting for them have expressed confidence they will be cleared of

tutions are overextended and in

But Li boasted that China stood

apart from the Asian financial cri-

originated in Southeast Asia have

but not China," he told business

leaders in Tokyo. "The exchange

rate of the Renminbi Yuan and the

Chinese financial analysts said

China will move cautiously on

allowing convertibility of the yuan

on the capital account," said Hu

Zhuangjun, a senior economist

"It is not womed about the move-

ment of capital in and out of the

country by itself but it is concerned

over potential disruption," he said in a reference to speculative trades.

China has freed up convertibility

on the current account for trade

Hong Kong's Sing Tao daily reported that President Jiang

Zemin, Premier Li Peng and eco-

nomic tsar Zhu Rongji would head

the Beijing meeting on financial reform. Provincial Communist

Party secretaries had also been

summoned.

with the State Council.

currency liberalization was vital.

WASHED UP

An unidentified couple look out over a flooded street beneath their house in Vigo yesterday. Heavy rainfalls are continuing to cause problems in various parts of Spain.

New ambassador to Moscow:

Clinton likely to visit Russia after START treaty ratification

By MITCHELL LANDSBERG

MOSCOW (AP) - US President Bill Clinton will probably visit Russia sometime early next year, ideally after Russia's ratification of the START II treaty, the new American ambassador said vester-

In his first news conference in Moscow as US ambassador, James Collins stressed the need for the

United States and Russia to continue reducing their ouclear arms stockpiles and improve nuclear security.

Responding to wide-ranging questions. Collins also defended NATO expansion, spoke of the need for Russia to reduce corruptioo and crime, and said the United States is keeping a close watch on Russia's implementation of a new religion law.

Collins, a career diplomat who has served in the US Embassy here twice before, has been servas ambassador since September. He previously was ambassador-at-large for the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union.

· His debut as ambassador was a reserved, low-key affair, in which he generally bewed to careful recitations of US policy.

review markets' crisis Censorship and symbolism in Iran piled up by ailing state companies, and other non-bank financial insti-

By SCHEHEREZADE FARAMARZI

TEHERAN (AP) - It's not easy making a movie when characters "The current fiscal woes that of the opposite sex can't touch, or even get too close to each other. affected many regions of the world, Or when women must be shown covered from head to toe, even when sleeping in bed.

Iranian films, however, are win-US dollar has been stable at 8.3 to ning awards at international festivals, even as filmmakers complain about the strict rules they have to Asia's crisis had further convinced work under in the Islamic repub-China that a go-slow approach to lic. Tahmineb Milani, one director willing to speak out in public, points to a rule by censors that characters of the opposite sex may

not touch. "You see a scene where a woman faints and collapses and her husband calls the [female] neighbor to pick her up," she said mockingly. "This is very damaging to the film."

which a soldier comes home from battle but cannot hold his mother in his arms.

Milani recalled another scene in

"Hugging doesn't mean sex," Milani said in a frustrated tone. It's the most beautiful expression of love."

What's toughest on realistic films is the rule that women characters must follow the Islamic dress code at all times, she com-

Still, recent Iranian movies have won international praise for their simple but frank appraisals of social issues in Iran's restrictive society. For example, The Taste of Cherry, which is about suicide, won this year's Gorden Palm at the Caunes Film Festival. Filmed on the hleak outskirts of Teheran, it is the story of a man who tires of life and seeks to hire someone to bury him alive. He finds a man willing to help, but who insists on knowing wby he wants to kill himself in a world full of pleasures -

one being the taste of a therry.

The White Bailoon, which won the 1996 Cannes Film Festival and competed for Oscars, focused on a small girl sitting in a town square observing and meeting passersby. Milani received attention overseas for Kakado, the story of a young girl's growing pains, and The Legend of the Sigh, which is about five women from different social

and economic backgrounds. Those films generally have been popular in Iran, too. But getting them shown is no easy task. Milani, 37, said she struggled to get approval for all four movies she has made the past 10 years. A script for a fifth movie was approved a few months ago.

Getting an OK for a film means

innumerable trips to the Ministry of Islamic Culture and Guidance.

which censors movies. Milani blames a miscarriage on the stress of dealing with the censors - and the hundreds of times she had to walk up and down the ministry's stairs - to get approval for ber last movie, Kakado. It took four years. Among the censors' objections was that a young female character named Golnaz would not be wearing a head scarf. They also objected that an unsavory character was named Hassan, which they considered an insult to Imam Hassan, a Shi'ite Moslem

Milani said the complaint about the came Hassan was dropped, and she argued - eventually successfully - that the girl was not yet old enough to have to wear a scarf under Islamic law.

Despite her frustrations and anger, Milani said she owes her success to the 1979 Islamic revolucon that drove out the pro-Western Shah and brought in an Islamic regime. She was 18 at the time and her parents had refused to let her study cinema because films were not considered respectable. After the revolution, when film was no longer seen as 'decadent," they changed their

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FBI suspends Flight 800 inquiry Kallstrom wrote that the FBI will continue of the Atlantic Ocean, about 15 kilometers

NEW YORK (AP) - The FBI has told families of the 230 victims of TWA Flight 800 that it found "absolutely no evidence" that a criminal act brought the plane down and is suspending its investigation, according to a letter obtained by The Associated

"I must report to you ... that our investigation has found absolutely no evidence to cause us to believe that the TWA Flight 800 tragedy was the result of a criminal act." wrote James Kallstrom, the FBI assistant

director who headed the criminal probe. Kallstrom confirmed Wednesday night that the FBI had sent a letter to victims' families, but he gave no details "as it is a private matter between the FBI and the families at this point." The FBI plans a news conference next week to issue a comprehensive report on the criminal probe's findings, a law-enforcement source said.

to be involved in the National Transportation Safety Board's investigation of the July 1996 crash of the Paris-bound plane.

"Every lead has been covered, all possible avenues of investigation exhaustively explored, and every resource of the United States government has been brought to bear in this investigation," Kallstrom said.

The NTSB is continuing to try to learn

what caused vapors inside the empty fuel tank to explode, shattering the Paris-bound plane shortly after takeoff from New York's Kennedy Airport.

The FBI has said repeatedly it has found no evidence that the Boeing 747 was downed by a bomb or missile. The FBI began its investigation minutes

after the jumbo jet burst into a fireball, killing everyone on board and scattering wreckage across a 13-square-kilometer area

off Long Island, outside New York City.

Numerous eyewitnesses reported streaks of light in the sky just before the explosion, prompting a team of investigators to focus on the missile theory. The FB1 flatly rejected allegations by conspiracy theorists that an errant pavy missile was in blame. "When it first happened, I thought bomb,"

said Joe Lychner of Houston, who lost his wife and two small daughters in the crash. "But when I look at all the testing the FBI did and they found nothing, I am convinced this had to be mechanical." FBI agents interviewed more than 7,000 people, including everyone who touched or had access to the aircraft at Kennedy Airport and in Athens, Greece, where the flight originated.

The FBI and NTSB reconstructed the wreckage inside a hangar and then scrutinized the holes and punctures for any evidence of a crime.

Michel Breistroff of Paris, whose 25-yearold son was killed, said he received Kallstrom's letter on Wednesday.

Breistroff said he and other family members overseas now plan a campaign to have all 747s grounded. "This plane is obviously a dangerous plane," he said. "It took investigators all these months and all these millions of dollars to tell us that."

TWA spokesman Donn Walker in St. Louis said the airline did not know that the FBI had sem letters indicating it was ending its criminal probe. "They've been hinting for a while so it's really not a surprise," he said. He added the company was frustrated that

federal investigators have not been able to determine what caused the crash. "We just want answers. We just want to know what

Dealers sell drugs outside old KGB head office

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV

MOSCOW (AP) - Some of Russia's aggressive drug dealers bave become so brazen they've been doing their business right across the street from the former KGB headquarters in central Moscow.

Recent newspaper articles have highlighted the problem of drug dealing on Luhyanka Square, next to the offices of the Federal Security Service, the main successor to the KGB.

Police responded, arresting a number of suspects there, said Vladimir Charykov, head of the drug-fighting department of the Moscow police.

"Some people arrested told us frankly they came there to deal drugs because they read a newspaper story," Charykov told a news conference on Wednesday.

Drug use has been soaring since the Soviet breakup six years ago, and cocaine and heroin are nowincreasingly common among Russian users, Charykov said. "The latest trends have been

very negative," he noted. The number of drug-related doubled in the first 10 months of the year compared to 1996, he

Drug dealers are turning away from opium and marijuana to cocaine, heroin, and synthetic drugs in a quest for higher profits, be said.

Russia has become an important drug market and transit route, targeted by smugglers from dozens of countries.

By official estimate, the number of Russian drug users now stands at about 2 million, up from 300,000 a decade ago.

Drug dealers have benefited

from the country's economic turmoil, widespread official corruption and money laundering, and its long, porous borders.

The largest flow of drugs comes

from Afghanistan. Opium is refined into heroin as it works its way through the ex-Soviet republics of Central Asia and on to Russia, Western Europe, and the United States.

"With fighting in Afghanistan raging for nearly 20 years and Tajikistan also beset by long-lasting armed conflict, it's not surprising that the region has become a major source of drugs," Charykov

In Russia, organized crime groups specializing in the drug trade have already divided the local market. Taking the lead in Moscow are traffickers from Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, and

Nigeria.
Of the drug dealers arrested by police in the capital, most were foreign citizens, Charykov said.

When detained, suspects sometimes refuse to identify themsolves. Police must then conduct lengthy searches, often contacting everal embassies, simply to find out who the suspects are, said Alexei Nikulin, a top crime squad

Under Russian law, possession and trafficking of drugs is punishable by five to 12 years in prison, but few dealers receive long terms, police officials said.

A day after Americans slain in Pakistan

Phone threats in Malaysia on four Americans' lives

By NELSON GRAVES

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuters) -A telephone caller yesterday threatened to kill four Americans in Malaysia, the US embassy said, as strains between the two nations deepened.

The embassy in Kuala Lumpur said in a notice to the American community that it had received two telephone calls yesterday morning threatening harm to US citizens in Malaysia.

"One of the callers specifically threatened to kill four Americans in Malaysia," the embassy said. The statement said the embassy

was unable to assess the credibility of the threats. An embassy spokesman said the US government is taking the threats seriously. In Karachi on Wednesday, a gunmen killed four American men and their Pakistani driver in a daylight ambush. Police said the killings

could have been linked to the US

conviction of a Pakistani for murdering two CIA employees.

The threats against Americans in Malaysia coincided with increased strains between the two nations. Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's cabinet on Wednesday condemned a non-binding resolution in Congress which urges him to apologize for alleged remarks

about Jews or resign.

Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim said Mahathir's cahinet strongly objects to the resolution. introduced last month in the US House of Representatives.

The resolution, which has not been taken up by any congressional commince, calls on Mahathir "to apologize and acknowledge the destructive and divisive nature of his words, or as an alternative, resign as the prime minister of Malaysia."

Mahathir drew criticism from Jewish groups and the United States in October after he was

quoted as saying the government suspected Jewish groups had an agenda to block Moslems' progress. Mahathir later said he had been misinterpreted.

The cabinet's objection to the resolution was carried on the front pages of many Malaysian newspapers vesterday.

The recent tragic event in Karachi... is an unpleasant reminder of the dangers faced by Americans abroad," the US embassy statement said.

With the recent conviction of Mir Aimal Kasi, the ongoing trial of Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, the situation in Iraq, and today's local press articles on the congressional resolution, Americans in Malaysia are encouraged to maintain a high level of security awareness, and to report any suspicious or threatening behavior to the police," the statement said.

Kasi was convicted on Monday for the 1993 murder of two CIA Virginia headquarters.

On Wednesday, a US federal jury convicted Yousef of masterminding the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.
About 100 supporters of

Mahathir from the youth wing of his National Front coalition protested peacefully outside the US embassy in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

The protest was against the draft congressional resolution and the US investigation into a gas deal in Iran that Malaysia's national oil company Petronas has signed.

Six protesters were allowed to enter the embassy and hand a note to political counselor Jeffrey Lunstead. In Washington, Malaysian

Ambassador Dali Hashim met the the resolution's author, Rep. Robert Wexler, a Florida Democrat, on Wednesday to assure him Mahathir isn't "anti-Jewish."

Well fix it, dear Henry!

Many years ago, the name of Henry Kissinger came up during an interview with a Cypriot politician. "Kissinger!" hissed with great venom. "I'd like to drink his blood. He drained ours."

There's an old Norfolk (England) folk song, long since transplanted to American country. It runs: "There's a hole in the bucket, dear Eliza, dear Eliza," to which Eliza responds with increasing frus-

tration as the song runs on: Well, fix it, dear Henry! Dear Henry, fix IT!" Column One Henry

Kissinger's globe has been full of holes that needed fixing, but from the bottom of our own bucket - we see only one. Thus, after the 1974 war in Cyprus, Kissinger was the

Thomas O'Dwyer demon conspirator who allowed the CIA in Athens to plot with

the dictator colonels to stage a coup in Cyprus which led to the Turkish invasion. The Cypriots underscored

their case by accusing him of destroying President Salvador Allende in Chile and bringing another hated general, Augusto Pinochet, to power.

In 1974, the same Mr. Fixit was making himself into a hero and a lifetime legend by negotiating the first ever disengagement treaty between Israel and Syria-Egypt. Of that, more later.

The illegal we do immediately. The unconstitutional takes a bit longer," wrote Kissinger in Law and Politics, delighting both people with a sense of bumor and conspiracy theorists who have none.

inter sewer

Such musings drove me to consult the modern Delphic Oracle (the Internet) in advance of Kissinger's visit to Israel this week, when he delivered the first Rabin Lecture for the new Rabin Center - the shortest item in a packed schedule.

At a chat in his hotel with a few of us columnists, he grumbled that the Rahin Center organizers had been horrified to find that he had a whole half hour free one morning and rushed to plug it (dear Henry). This is from the man you can

find in the modern quote books for saying: "There can't be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full." The Kissinger visit provided

a good opportunity to measure the man against the legend and to carry out an npdated check on the research value of the Internet, which we journalists now shamelessly plunder for fresh ideas and old scandals. For those not yet familiar with this technological mira-

cle, let me compare searching the Internet's World Wide Web to swimming through a sewer with your mouth open, hoping to catch the good bits. Instead of one's mouth, one can now use a sort of scoop called a search engine. That finds not the good bits (whoever saw a scoop with value judgment), but the big bits.

Web wackos

The search for "Henry Kissinger delivered a fine cross section of Internet usefulness, uselessness, infantility, and obsession. No, there were no offers among the 2,000 to 10,000 references for Kissinger blow-up dolls or nude pictures - hut yes, he did star in a site for love lives of

the famous. We always knew there are a lot of wackes "out there." Now they all have web sites.

More interestingly, there was even a Henry Jewish joke (on a Jewish site, so li's mishpacha,

not neo-Nazis.) A mother brings her child to his first day of Hebrew school. "Whai's his name?" asks the teacher.

"Henry Kissinger Goldberg," the mother replies. "Isn't Henry Kissinger an odd

name to give to a child, Goldberg?"

Goldberg. I thought that Henry Kissinger would be the perfect name to give to a

Now that's interesting, not because it's a good joke, but because of the background to it. This was the widespread belief current after the Yom Kippur War that Henry Kissinger knew about the Arab attack four days in advance, but refused to warn Israel. That was fuelled by the other urban legend - or conspiracy theory, take your pick - that Kissinger delayed the resupply airlift to pressure the government into accepting a cease-fire.

Say thank you

This was put to Kissinger again at his meeting with the journalists on Wednesday, citing Bill Quant as one source of the rumor. Quant claimed to be senior member of Kissinger's staff during the Yom Kippur crisis. Here is Kissinger's response:

"In 1973, Bill Quant was in the underbrush somewhere. I never saw Bill Quant, if you look at my record.

"The Israelis wanted me to convey a request for a ceasefire and I didn't want to ask for a cease-fire at a time that they had loss territory. The war started on Saturday and until Tuesday morning we believed Israel was winning

very rapidly. "Tuesday morning was the first time we heard Israel was in need of resupply. Tuesday evening, we lold Israel all its losses would be replaced. Wednesday we started exploring the flight chartering. By Friday - 48 hours - the regular American airlift was started.

To wait 48 bours before you put your military airlift at the disposal of a foreign country is not a great delay. In fact, most countries would consider that moving with great rapidity. That is the actual sequence of

What Quant thought is of indifference to me. What we wanted to see was a cease-fire along pre-war lines and did not want a cease-fire in place in which Israel lost territory.'

Now there's the ring of truth. from a man who consistently expresses fears for Israel's territorial security and says there must be no return to the 1967 borders. The least we could do, Ms. Goldberg, is thank Henry for fixing that one.



Police stand guard outside Virginia's Fairfax County Judicial Center yesterday as the jury arrives for the sentencing of Mir Aimal Kasi, convicted of killing two CIA employees. The judge ordered the jury sequestered after Americans were murdered in Pakistan.

Americans in Pakistan stay indoors

living in Karachi stayed close to bome yesterday amid fresh warnings from the US State Department just one day after four American oil company workers were gunned down on their

way to work. The American school was closed, US citizens were being advised to stay at home, and the State Department urged them to be wary of fresh retaliation, this time because of the US conviction on Wednesday of Ramzi

Yousef, who was arrested in Pakistan in 1995, was convicted of conspiracy in the 1993 bomb-

KARACHI (AP) - Americans ing of the World Trade Center in New York. Prosecutors portrayed Ramzi as one of history's most sinister terrorists and the architect of the World Trade Center

The shooting Wednesday of the four Union Texas Petroleum workers came just two days after the conviction in the US of Mir Aimal Kasi for the 1993 killings of two CIA agents outside the headquarters in Virginia.

The November 10 conviction of Mir Aimal Kasi and the conviction ... of Ramzi Yousef in the World Trade Center Bombing make Americans potential targets of retaliatory acts by their sympa-

A similar warning was issued the day before the slaying of the

Union Texas Petroleum company

employees. While there has been no motive established for that killing, the only group to publicly take responsibility for it is a previously

unheard of organization, known as the Aimal Secret Comminee. Meanwhile, teachers at the American school in Karachi were told that a decision would be made whether to evacuate the children from the city, said Famia Khan, a

US national working at the school.

"We were told not to come to the

thizers," said the State Department advisory. school today and to keep the chil-dren home," she said. Sindh Chief Minister Liagat

Jatoi has tried to reassure the American community in Karachi, promising "total security" for the school. There are about 300 students at the school, many of them are not Americans.

Employees of the US Consulate have not been allowed to bring their families to Karachi since the 1995 shooting there of two consulate employees.

Wednesday's attack mirrored that hrutal killing of 1995: the consulate workers were gunned down on a busy street as they made their way to work.

UN food agency afraid supplies might run out

ROME (AP) - Nations have drastically reduced their contributions of food aid, agricultural production has slowed, and food stocks are dwindling, a UN agency said Wednesday.

With 29 countries in need of food aid - four more than last year - the Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organization said it was worried food supplies would not be enough to go around.

And with the El Nino phenomenon causing havoc to weather patterns around the world, the 1998 harvest could prove even worse than this year's, the agency said.

"Food stocks are insufficient to face had impacts [of El Nino] if they take place," said Jacques Vercueil, director of FAO's Agriculture and Economic Development Division.

Meteorologists call this year's El Nino phenomenon – a warm current in the Pacific Ocean that brings extreme weather changes – the worst in 100 years. An increase in droughts, floods, and forest fires has been

FAO put the growth of this year's world agriculture production at 1.1 percent - the lowest in two decades.

Last year, considered by FAO an exceptionally good year, it was Vercueil cited a mix of environmental and man-made factors for the drop, including civil wars that have ravaged many countries in

Africa. Eighteen of the 29 countries requesting food aid are in Africa. Five countries each in Asia and Eastern Europe, plus one in Latin America are also in need of aid.

The figures were released by FAO in its annual report.

FAO urged its 175 member nations to increase their food aid contrihutions, which dropped by 37% this year to reach the lowest level

"Solidarity for agriculture is not receiving the priority it necessitates."

If food stocks drop too much then prices will start climbing and the needy will have even less access to food, FAO said.

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Reconciliation is good politics

prime minister Yitzhak Rabin was a spectacle, but - thankfully - not of the sort to which the public has grown accustomed. The session, attended by the Supreme Court justices, military leadership, and the diplomatic community, was formal and dignified. There were no catcalls, no signs, no walkouts - just speaking and listening. Now that we know the Knesset is capable of civilized behavior, why can it not continue the rest of the year?

Not just the form, but the content of the session provided hope that the nation is applying psychic brakes to prevent a further slide into the abyss of bitterness and internal division. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu gave his most conciliatory speech to date, saying "I, like others, must do my own soul-searching, must stretch out my own hand and ... walk the path of dialogue and reconciliation."

Labor Party leader Ehud Barak, perhaps taken off guard by Netanyahu's speech, was not quite as conciliatory. While calling for unity, Barak peppered his speech with veiled digs at Netanyahu's own sins in precisely this quest. Referring to Netanyahu's presence at vicious anti-Rabin rallies before the assassination and his recent comments questioning the Jewish commitment of the Left, Barak said, "We must all of us, across the political spectrum, commit today that we will never again blast each other from balconies, never ... surround ourselves with symbols of death, ... and never whisper divisive and inciting words in the ears of ... spiritual leaders.

The fact is, Barak is right: Netanyahu has what to answer for in his behavior, both before the assassination and as prime minister. The Labor leader is also right that "Reconciliation is not a matter of words in a vacuum, but of actions ..." It will take more than a few positive speeches to repair the many bridges Netanyahu has burned, both between government and opposition and within his own party.

Since his election and despite his initial pledge to work for unity, Netanyahu has displayed a penchant for defining his own accomplishments at his opponents' expense. Rather than focusing on the large overlap between the policies of the previous government and his own, he has accentuated the differences - sometimes even creating

them where none exists. For example, when explaining what he was trying to say when he was caught questioning the Jewishness of the Left. he made matters worse by accusing the Left of sharing responsibility for Israel's security with the Palestinians. This at the same time as Netanyahu had boasted, just before this summer's spate of bombings, that he had suc-

The special Knesset session in memory of ceeded in tichieving greater Palestinian security cooperation. Since the bombings, he has made sharing security responsibility, not only his policy. but a central demand from the Palestinians.

After a year in office, Netanyahu described his greatest accomplishment in the forms of attacks on the opposition: preventing the drive toward a Palestinian state on Israel's pre-1967 borders. To this day, Netanyahu has not found a way to describe his own vision in a way that does not attack the Oslo Accords and the opposition's record. He has never credited Oslo for paving the way for, or at least accelerating, the peace with Jordan, or reducing Israel's isolation in the world.

Netanyahu's great problem, ironically, is that in the big picture - he is hewing so closely to the path of his predecessors that he feels he must continually attack them to defend himself against his right wing. This strategy has had a very divisive impact on the national debate, while it has failed to really appease the Right.

The alternative is to give credit where credit is due and emphasize areas of agreement with the opposition, while continuing to insist that compliance with the Oslo Accords be mutual, not onesided. As final-status talks approach, the areas of potential agreement between Netanyahu and Barak are much greater than the differences. Yet unless Netanyahu switches tacks and begins to spotlight the shared ground, the prospects for calming the political atmosphere are slim.

Netanyahu's new tone is about one half of what he should have done since his election: The other half is to sit down, first with his coalition, then with his opposition, and define the potential substantial areas of agreement regarding Israel's approach towards achieving peace treaties with the Palestinians, Syria, and Lebanon.

For all the talk of unity, both Netanyahu and Barak exhibit a fear of agreeing too much. That fear is misplaced; there will always be enough to disagree about. Most democracies have defined borders and no existential questions on their agenda, yet they do not lack grist for political competition. Since 1967, we have become so used to thinking that questions of peace and security must define the political spectrum that we have not noticed how much that spectrum has collapsed around a consensus position.

The task remains to flesh out that consensus in a way that shifts the core of the peace and security debate out of the Israeli political maelstrom and into the negotiations with our neighbors. Netanyahu and Barak are now discovering that talking about reconciliation is good politics. It will backfire, however, if not followed up with a concerted effort to reach agreement on the

The body politic



New formulas are needed

hough not exactly "ships pass-ing in the night," the meeting in London between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu - he on his way to Indianapolis - and US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright - she heading for Qatar can probably best be described as a necessary prelude to the main event: the soon-to-be announced Clinton-Netanyahu meeting in Washington.

Similarly, last week's meeting between Foreign Minister David Levy and the Palestinian Authority's Mahntoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) was, in effect, also

"talks to prepare talks." There is, of course, nothing wrong or gratuitous in that. On the contrary, it may well be that some recent misunderstandings in the US-Israeli relationship could have been avoided had they been better handled.

There were conflicting reports about the outcome of the Levy-Abbas meeting. PA Chairman Yasser Arafai, continuing his campaign of inviting pressure on Israel, said that while it hadn't brought about a breakthrough, it wasn't an abject failure.

In fact, it was clear from the beginning that the US - trying to garner the support of its former Gulf War Arab coalition partners with the Iraqi crisis in mind tan effort which failed! - would be making an effort to give the talks at least a patina of success.

Another factor was the eco-nomic conference in Doha, the convening of which is very important to American policy makers. Perceived failure in the Washington talks wouldn't have Palestinian terrorism, or abrogat-

The pace of political life here

another, and virtually no issue

receives the systematic attention it

deserves. This is particularly true

of the Israeli-Lebanese conun-

drum, which arouses periodic.

albeit all-100-superficial, debate

when soldiers are killed,

Katyusbas are fired, or civilians

are victimized. During these brief

spurts of attention, bowever, opin-

ions are never fully aired, and the

subject is quickly relegated to the

Precisely because the issue of

our presence in Lebanon was not

in the headlines this week, it is

timely to reassess the underlying

rationale and suggest that the time

is ripe for withdrawal to the inter-

Current policy rests on the

assumption that while we have no

territorial aspirations in Lebanon,

we are forced to remain in the

security zone because of the

absence of alternatives. Such an

approach rests on shaky logical

ground. It is therefore vital to carefully scrutinize the justifications

for the "no choice" policy that has

guided consecutive governments

over the past 15 years and

embroiled the country in an ongo-

The first and most pervasive,

rationale is security. The security

zone was purportedly created to

defend the safety of our northern

settlements. But time and again,

residents of the North have been

imperiled. Why would withdrawal

to the international boundary be

Hizbullah claims its goal is to

free Lebanon of foreign occupa-

tion, although many suggest that

this is only the first phase of a cam-

paign to eliminate Israel. Why, then, should Hizbullah and its

extremist Islamic ideology be for-

ing, low-intensity war.

less defensible?

back burner.

national boundary.

is so intense that, of apparent

necessity, public attention

ZALMAN SHOVAL

helped things. Probably to make life more difficult for the media, the venue for the Levy-Abbas talks was moved the Americans from Washington to Arlington, just across the Potomac. This, however, proved to be unnecessary; as the American media were preoccupied

ed the Palestinian Covenant, which calls for Israel's destruction, in spite of Arafat's express commitment to Yitzhak Rabiu and Shimou Peres. Instead of improving the economic lot of the Palestinians, there has actually been a dramatic deterioration in their standard of living.

All sides must by now be keenly aware that the Oslo Accords have collapsed in most of their underlying premises

with the Iraqi crisis and the "English nanny affair" and didn't pay too much attention to the talks. Though some commentators

referred to the meeting as some sort of "mini-Camp David." that was wide of the mark for the simple reason that the real decisionmakers weren't in Arlington, nor had it been the intention of those who were to deal with the really important topics.

Levy bas correctly cited the good atmosphere prevailing at the talks and, on some of the subjects discussed there was actually a measure of progress. Having said that bowever, all sides concerned, including the US, whether admitting it or not, must by now be keenly aware that the Oslo Accords have collapsed in most of

their underlying premises.
They have not stopped

OSLO can no longer be considered a relevant framework for the continuation of the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. To salvage peace, new formulas, perhaps even new agreements, will have to be adopted - the sooner

Albright and Netanyabu, in their London meeting, and later on, the two heads of state, will have an opening to straighten ont previous misunderstandings. Indeed, there is a need to shore up and reinforce mutual trust - without which there cannot be progress on the peace It is important for Israel to reach a

wide range of understandings with America before the all-important final-status talks with the Palestinians start, even though in certain cases, given the basic differences existing between America and Israel since 1967 on some important

issues, it won't be more than "agreeing on what to disagree."

In other words, confrontation should be avoided, or at least postponed, whenever possible. In this context, one cannot avoid mentioning the Palestinian demand that Israel stop all building in the settlements and continue with the "further redeployments" (the cuphernism for further withdrawals) as a precondition for getting back to the negotiat-

America, judging hy some of the statements and leaks coming out of Washington, seems to support the Palestinian position. It is ignoring not only the less than complete Palestinian compliance with its commitment to combat terrorism and to dismantle its infrastructure, but also the coutradiction between the plan to discuss all outstanding issues and asking Israel to continue withdrawing from territories under the previous interim agreements.

As a long-time observer of US-Israel relations, I can bear evidence that Israel's support in Congress is as solid as ever. Its standing with American public opinion in general, including that of the Jewish community, is not as bad as it is sometimes depicted - though there is certainly room for improvement.

But as important as these factors are, one must always remember that, in the final reckoning, US foreign policy is mainly made by the administration, not by anyone else.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HAREDI GHETTOIZATION

Sir. - Jonathan Rosenblum says in the modern direction. that the only segment of Jewry Roseublum paints au idyllic that will survive are the baredim. picture of a family around a He doesn't understand that the table, and the father tisks the world bas developed over the last child what he has learned the two hundred years, and is still past week. His child will tell him, "This week we learned that developing, in the direction of more democracy, enlightenment, the world was created in six days about six thousand years academic study and international ago. Last week we learned that modernity. But the haredi world moves in the direction of gbet-God caused the sun and the toization, theocracy and obscumoon to stop moving so that rantism. Even countries like Joshua would have enough light Russia, China, Japan, India and tu finish a battle. And we also South Africa are slowly moving

word of the Torah."

My own child gives different answers. He says, "This week we learned about the dinosaurs who roamed here millions of years ago." My child continues. "Last week we learned about the French Revolution - the beginning of the modern struggle for democracy. Jonathan Rosenblum is wrong:

obscurantism will not win.

DR. MARVIN SIDMAN Tel Aviv

NAOMI CHAZAN

It is time to reassess the underlying

rationale for our presence in Lebanon

Get out of Lebanon

jumps rapidly from one crisis to tified by our actions? Surely a measured withdrawal will undermine Hizbullah's strength and focus attention on its unacceptable objective of weakening Israel.

Even if accepted, the security argument makes sense only if there is a reasonable possibility of subduing Hizbullah. The war in southem Lebanon is a guerrilla war par excellence. Historically, conventional armies have not succeeded be in a stronger position to launch an offensive, and Iran will redirect its support for Hizbullah into a more direct confrontation.

No one has exclusive rights to the crystal ball. It may be just as plausible to suggest that withdrawal would simultaneously eliminate the Syrian and Iranian hold on Lebanon and shift the regional balance of power in our favor. The Lebanese government, relieved of in winning guerrilla wars. There is Syrian and Iranian pressures, may

cal climate of Lebanon, political motives constantly change; they cannot justify occupation.

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Finally, only if the security and political arguments are accepted is possible to address the third rationale, the human one. The price in lives of our soldiers is appalling. Since 1982, more than 1,200 soldiers bave been killed in Lebanon, over 600 since the establishment of the security zone in 1985. It is not easy to defend the human cost of our presence in Lebanon, nor to find ways of helping society tolerate the steady stream of casualties.

Those who maintain that Israel has no choice but to stay in southem Lebanou must be aware that they are sentencing dozens of soldiers to death each year. On a fundamental humanitarian level, this realization demands a responsible quest for viable alternatives.

The bitter irony underlying the current discussion is that those interested in withdrawal are accused of basing their couclusions on emotion rather than rea-

son. This charge is patently false. Maybe, under scrutiny, it is argumentation in support of continued involvement in Lebanou that is intellectually sloppy, practically unachievable and, at root, oddly

and anachronistically emotional. " We can bardly expect those; responsible for constructing our policy - on the Right and on the Left - to readily admit that they erred, and we cannot expect that those pursuing this policy will freely question it. We can, however, not only demand, but also initiate a thoughtful reassessment and ultimately, a change in this policy. The time has come for a continuous, broad-based, and serious dis-

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cussion of our Lebanese policy.

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SHARANSKY'S RECEPTION

Sir, - I was appalled to see and hear the reaction of the crowd at Rabin Square last Saturday night to Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky when he arrived at the podium. The crowd, predominantly Labor/left-wing, booed and hissed as he spoke. The Left prides itself on its self-

perceived restraint. I remember its outcry when Rabin was booed at The Event of immigrants from the US. However, the difference in responses is staggering. Rabin

often reminded those of us from the US who did not vote for him that he was not our prime minister; his colleague Shimou Peres told us to "go back where we came from." Rabin hurled deligitimizing epithets against those of us living in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip. A negative reception, while impo-

Contrast this with the behavior Saturday night toward a Jewish bero, a Jew who was imprisoned for years because he refused to

lite, was understandable.

capitulate and subordinate his beliefs; a Jew separated from his wife for years, waiting for permission to leave the USSR and immigrate to Israel.

How short the memory of the Left and how petty their coalition loyalties in the presence of Sharansky. who is an example to all Jews, who suffered as a Jew and who is an epinome of Zionism.

SHOSHANA WEINSTEIN

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On November 14, 1937, The Palestine Post reported that considerable hardships were experienced by Jewish residents of Jerusalem owing to the curfew while new shooting incidents were reported in the city and throughout the country. A number of Arab Jerusalem Municipality officials were detained for one year under the Emergency Regulations.

Five thousand persons staged a demonstration in Beirut against the arrests by the Lebanese Government of three Arabs wanted to stand trial by the Palestine Government who had fled there.

50 years ago: On November 14, 1947, The Palestine Post reported that Britain had rejected the Partition Plan. British troops would not be available for the enforcement of any UN Partition of grenades inside at the same time

Palestine, Sir Alexander Cadogan, the British delegate to the UN, told the Sub-Committee on Partition. He stated, however, that he was authorized to say that the British authorities bad been directed to plan for a complete withdrawal

from Palestine by August 1, 1948. In simultaneous attacks in Haifa and Jerusalem, presumed reprisals for the shootings by a British military search party of five Sternists at Ra'anana, gunmen shot four British civilians in Haifa, and killed a British policeman and wounded another and 28 soldiers with bombs and gunfire in Jerusalem. Curfew was imposed on large areas of

The Ritz Cafe in King George Avenue in Jerusalem was thrown into shambles when about a half-adozen attackers tossed three

opening fire with automatic weapons and spraying the 30 to 40 British policemen sitting around

25 years ago: On November 14 1972, The Jerusalem Post reported that the London Post Office was on the biggest alert since World War II after some 50 suspect letter bombs were were found.

Egypt and Libya had decided to send air defense weapons, fighter planes and pilots to Damascus in order to strengthen the Syrian air force after the previous week's border flare-ups between Syria and

Hagop Antergessian, a 28-year-old resident of Jerusalem's Armenian Quarter was indicted in the District Court on charges of spying for the Soviet Union.

Alexander Zvielli

no reason to assume that the IDF,

even with tactical improvements, will fare bener. Based on the experiences of the

past three to four years, conventional weapons, as wielded in Operation Grapes of Wrath, have vielded no success. Change cannot be anticipated in any of these areas. Israel is not in a position to defy the odds and win this guerrilla war.

In addition, military action cannot and should not act as a substitute for conceptual clarity. In fact, the involvement in Lebanon is the first time in Israel's history that the military has led rather than implemented defense policy. This government and its predecessors have argued that military engagement in southern Lebanon is essential to national defense. But security arguments run very thin when the

prospects for success are dim. Thus, the foremost prevailing argument - that withdrawal would worsen the situation by making us more vulnerable to attack - is not factual. The assumption is that Hizbullah will have easier access to our northern towns, Syria will

tiating table of its own accord. THE second set of justifications

then consider coming to the nego-

for continued involvement in Lebanon is political. Conventional wisdom suggests that our presence in Lebanon is a critical bargaining chip in bringing Syria to the negotiating table. One can easily suggest the oppo-

site: Our presence in Lebanon gives Syrla an indirect military option against us through its support of Hizbullah. The closure of Syria's military option in Lebanon by withdrawing altogether - may substantially increase the possibility of direct negotiation with both yria and an independent In any event, the foundation of

the political argument is in itself troubling. One need not stretch one's memory too far to recall that the Lebanon War of 1982 was launched for political motives of a totally different nature (destruction of the PLO infrastructure and a change in the political order of the country). In the vacillating politi-

POSTSCRIPT

WILL MOTORIZED in-line skates be the next thing to sweep the market? Does the public really want special underwear that promises to improve blood circulation?

Entrepreneurs from around the world gathered in Pasadena for the 11th annual Invention Convention. hoping to lure investors with a

bewildering array of gadgets. From Pennsylvania, came the Bugzlee 2-Minute Christmas Tree, not just another artificial tree in a

engine strapped to one skate. The box but balf of a Christmas tree. skates can do 30 kph. After all, most people only see one

side of a tree, the maker argues The Pio Power Health Stockings Less perential was the Eco and Socks are made from mineral fiber that the promoter said increas-Toilet, a foldable, camouflaged, cardboard potty that can be packed es oxygen to the body in order to flat in camping gear. It sells for relieve stress.

Got a bad back? The \$5,000 Enestone Bed (from energy and For exercise without too much stone) has 12 layers of protective work there were Power-Blades, film and marble surrounding a copmotorized in-line skates controlled per and carbon heating system.

"An Euestone Bed emits far by a hand-held throttle. The \$699 contraption sports a small, noisy

infrared rays and anion salutary for the human body so that a comfortable and healthy body can be maintained with good metabolism and recruitment," said Hyong Woo Lee, of Seoul.

Then there was something called Dawn 808, a South Korean-invented tea for people who overindulge: At \$5 a can, the tea purports to guarantee relief from headache, vomiting and fatigue due to hang-





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Europe needs a code of conduct

GERALD M. STEINBERG

uring his visit, Jacques Poos, the current president of the European Union, pressed the Foreign Ministry to accept a "code of conduct" in negotiations with the Palestinians. Such a code would include pledges to abstain from unilateral actions (like building new settlements or expanding existing ones) and to exchange information on terror-

ism and security.

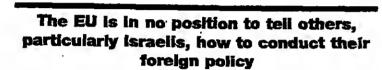
Although such a code may be a good idea, the EU and its officials are in no position to teli others, particularly Israelis, now to conduct their foreign policy.
The Western Europeans

(including most members of the EU) were primarily responsible for selling Saddam Hussein the technology and materials for his weapons of mass destruction. French arms manufacturers made billions of francs selling him arms and electronics; the Germans sold the materials and facilities for his nuclear program; the British turned a blind eye when Saddam built his "supergun" from parts made in England; Belgium allowed the sale of materials for chemical

THE "critical dialogue" that the EU claimed to bave conducted with Teheran was a farce - a monologue with the Europeans doing all the talking. A few months ago, a French company (Total) joined a Russian firm (Gazprom) in a multi-billion agreement to develop Iranian oil fields. As a result, Iran will have an even bigger budget to acquire missiles and weapons of mass destruction.

At the same time, the European Union has sought to play a more visible and central role in the Arab-Israeli negotiations. Like the Americans, the EU appointed its own "special negotiator," Miguel Moratinos, to shuttle back and forth between capitals. But for all of his efforts, Moratinos has achieved very little.

In addition to the mainly French support for Iran and Iraq, which sours any dialogue with Israel, the EU has continued its strongly pro-Palesinian approach to the peace process. A few years ago (during the tenure of the Labor government), the EU adopted a policy that requires its top officials visiting Israel to also pay a call at Orient House. Since this policy,



weapons production, etc.

But it seems that Europe as a whole and France, in particular, have learned little from this unfortunate episode." Without any visible hesitation, the French government continues policies that encourage Saddam in his efforts to evade the terms of 1991 cease-fire agreement and Security Council Resolution 687, which require Iraq to destroy all of its weapons of mass destruction and technolo-

Six-and-a-half years after his defeat and surrender, Saddam still bas biological and chemical weapons, is hiding some Scud missiles; and has secretly sought to mannfacture additional mis-

Whenever the inspectors from the UN Special Commission (UNSCOM) seem to make these hidden activities, the Iraqis move in to harass and stop them. The only leverage on Saddam is the threat of additional sanctions or military attack, but when the Security Council met to consider its response, France joined Russia in blocking the American and British

proposals. The botels in Baghdad bost an increasing number of French and other European officials and businessmen, for whom the allure of Iraqi oil money overwhelms the threats posed by Saddam's efforts to revive his

destructive power. With respect to Iran, the members of the EU are more united, but their policies are no less irresponsible. Despite the violent Iranian opposition to the peace process, support for terrorism, and efforts to follow the Iraqi path toward acquiring missiles and weapons of mass destruction, Europe has provided billions of dollars in credits.

which would have been a further step in the redivision of Jerusalem, was clearly unacceptable to Israel, subsequent visits have been less than entirely official.

The EU has also attempted to nse economic pressure to force Israel to make political concessions (even though it has a major trade surplus with Israel). After difficult negotiations, Israel and the EU finally signed a trade agreement which includes reciprocal exemptions from customs duties (the EU had already signed similar agreements with other Mediterranean countries).

Now, the EU is taking action to block implementation by alleging that Israel exported orange juice that was not, in fact, produced in Israel. The allegations and demand for payment of \$54 million in penalties concern events that took place years ago and are acted unilaterally. It is difficult to avoid the conclusion that the motives are again political and

have nothing to do with juice. Instead of preaching, sending special envoys, and pressing for acceptance of a "code of conduct," the European Union might start with developing a moral code for its own members. The first step should be a complete ban on economic transactions with states or regimes that follow a policy of destruction and warfare, that provide material support for terrorism, and that are spending billions

to acquire terror weapons. And instead of blocking trade and seeking million of dollars from Israel for orange juice, the EU should be paying Israel far more in compensation for the European contribution to the Iraqi missile program.

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ne morning this week, many Likud ministers and MKs woke up and discovered that their leader has a credibility prob-lem. This puts them in very distinguished company - people like Bill Clinton, Hosni Mubarak, and King Hussein have already reached the same conclusion. The only difference is that it took the Likud luminaries a lot longer to catch on - or at least to acknowledge it publicly.

This is a bit surprising, since they have known Binyamin Netanyahu far longer and more intimately than any of those foreign leaders. But not until the Likud convention did understanding come. Is it possible that all these veterans of countless political wars really did not know? If so, it does not speak well for their intelligence. Perhaps they did know, but were in denial, and only broke out of it on International Depression Day. And perhaps they knew all along, but - with two

For 18 months, these worthies generally stood by while their leader's credibility problem soured relations with Egypt, Jordan, the Palestinians, the American government, and American Jews. A few of them politely demuned; many of them muttered misgivings to journalists and other confidentes - deep background, off the record, not for citation or attribution -- but none of them got up and publicly sounded the alarm. Until this week.

So what happened at the convention to bring about the epiphany? Do not look for the explanation in unbridgeable ideological differences about peace or security policy or social equity or economic restructuring or religion and the state. Those questions were not even raised. The explanation is that the leader proposed a change in party procedures - the cancellation of primaries - that would strip them all of any vestige of independent

political standing. When those who were not already his lapdogs rose up in anguished protest, the leader promised that be would retract the proposal, but he then discovered, despite his most sincere effort, that he just couldn't carry through on his promise.

If all this were simply a morality play, the rest of us might easily interpret it in terms of poetic justice - the only thing that energized the ruling party poblicians enough to protest was a threat to their own personal interest, so they got what they deserved. But the manner in which this happened should be of real concem to the audience as well.

WHAT Netanyahu has done to the Likud elite is perfectly consistent with his profound antipathy to every other elite in our society - the press, the judicial establishment, the intellectuals, and even the top echelons of the security establishment. To consolidate his power, he has contracted an alliance with the mob, represented in this case by the central comnotable exceptions - just didn't mittee, whose purpose is to pulverize care enough to do anything about it. all the intermediary layers that stand between leader and mass society. In return for their adoration, their

> The process that started at the Likud convention ends in elections in which the leader gets 99.4% of the vote

votes, and their chants of "Bibi, king of Israel," he satisfies their need for emotional gratification and material payoffs - jobs. The first reward is easy to provide, but the second is still a problem, since a lot of the good jobs, especially in the so-called "social ministries," have already been given to coalinon partners.

So what can be done? Well, the public trough is always elastic enough to accommodate some more feeders. Besides, there are lots of "non-social" institutions that could to be shaken up with fresh, loyalist blood, and just because it didn't work before, in the Bar-On Affair, doesn't mean that it can't work in the future.

At this stage, no coercion is used to give the prime minister more power. And none is yet needed, since "the people" - central com-mittee, party members, and large numbers of voters - are still willing partners. But this is a route whose last station is clear, plebiscitary democracy and elections in which the leader gets 99.4% of the vote and can do whatever he wants (or vice versa). Unless this route is blocked, Israel may not even need a successful peace process to be integrated into the region.

As for almost everything else, there is a cautionary tale for this danger in the Bible that Netanyahu and his minions profess to hold so dear.

Once upon a time, another mob cried out to have a king. In response, Samuel conveyed God's warning to the people that asked him for a king. "The king," said Samuel, "will take your sons... and he will take your daughters... and he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your olive groves... and he will take the tenth of your seed... the tenth of your flocks; and ye shall be his servants... And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen; and the Lord will not answer you." Of course, there's no mystery about the rest of the story. But the people refused to hearken unto the voice of Samuel, and they said: 'Nay, but there shall be a king over us... that we may be like all the

nations..' Of course, it is impossible to be like all the nations, because there are so many different types. But one of those types reared its head at the Likud convention. Could that be the real fear that many of the party's own leaders suddenly felt

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Court run amok

JONATHAN ROSENBLUM

school professor wanted to express his contempt for judicial opinions devoid of legal reasoning be would conjure up a picture of a corpulent mideastern potentate seated under a palm tree dispensing justice according to his own lights. Kadi justice he called it. And Kadi justice is what we have

in Israel today. Our Supreme Court no longer feels the need to justify its usurpation of the decision-making authority of the legislative and executive branches or to offer any rational for its decisions other than "We say so." A case in point is its recent order that Educational TV air a show in which four teenage homosexuals discuss their sexual prefer-

Minister of Education Zevulun Hammer, relying on a panel of experts, had determined that the show should be made more balanced before it was shown on Educational TV. But a threejudge panel of the Supreme including President Aharon Barak, simply substituted its judgment for that of Hammer and ordered the program broadcast.

The entirety of Justice Kedmi's brief opinion for the unanimous

Then my favorite law dent. The court just took for granted its right to review every government decision and to substitute its judgment for that of the official to whom responsibility is delegated. That is government by judicial fiat pure and

> THE American Legal Realists of the 1920s (mucb beloved by Justice Barak) posited that the result in any case is simply a function of the jndge's ideology and prejudices. However dubious that observation was with respect to the American legal system, it perfectly describes the current Supreme Court. If one knows the justices political views, one can predict with almost hundred percent accuracy the outcome in any given case.

The justices are completely result oriented. Instimtional concerns about the role of a judiciary in a democranic society never restrain them in their headlong rush to reach what they deem the most beneficial result for society. They assume without question their right to serve as ombudsman over the unenlightened hoi polloi.

Justice Kedmi and his colleagues are sympathetic to homosexuals. So they created a "right of free expression" to

The Supreme Court is doing nothing more than imposing its particular values on society

panel can be summarized in his glib observation that teenage bomosexuality exists and hiding our bead in the sand will not make it go away. Without a shred of evidence, the court assumed that a positive portrayal of bomosexuality could bave no impact on its incidence. (Not that the justices would bave cared if it did.) Thus even as pop psychologists, the justices showed themselves to be inept.

Even a cursory glance at societies from ancient Athens, where bomosexuality was ubiquitous among upper-class males, to the Orthodox Jewish world, in which, according to the Kinsey Report, it is almost unknown, shows bow socially conditioned homosexuality is.

'Apart from Israel's Supreme Court under Justice Barak, most judges in democratic countries are sensitive to the inherent tension between democratic government and judicial review by unelected justices. Thus reviewing administrative decisions of elected officials or administrative agencies, judges are careful to make clear that they are not substituting their own ab initio judgment for that of the official upon whom responsibility for making the decision is conferred. A court reviewing an adminis-

trative law decision typically begins with a lengthy description of the statutory grant of authority to the decision-maker: the factors he is directed to consider, the procedures be is to follow, the degree of discretion given him. Next the judge will turn to the scope of judicial review and the standard to be applied by the court in evaluating the administrative decision. Usually such decisions will be reversed only if they are arbitrary or capricious.

Israel's Supreme Court, bowever, felt constrained to undertake none of these inquiries. Justice Kedmi did not even bother to cite one statute or preceforce Israel TV to show programs positively portraying bomosexuality.

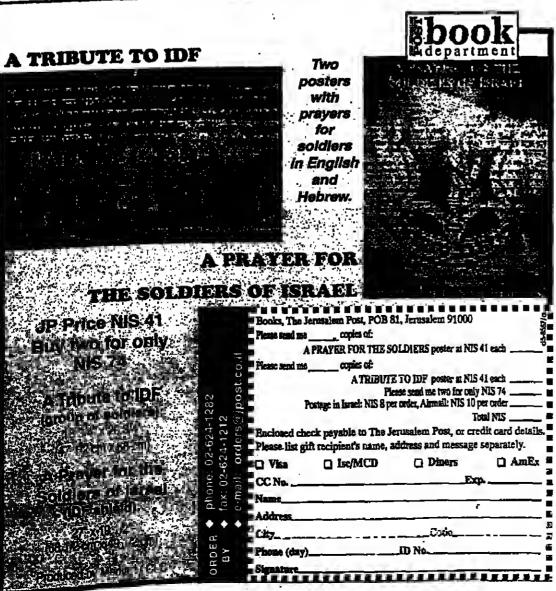
The court did not even acknowledge what it was doing. Even these Warren Court wannabees know that no country in the world has recognized a "right" for any identifiable subgroup in society to have its views aired on public TV. The First Amendment of the American Constitution, for instance, protects against government abridgment of free speech, it is defensive in nature. It does not grant any citizen the right to have the government or privately-owned media promulgate his views.

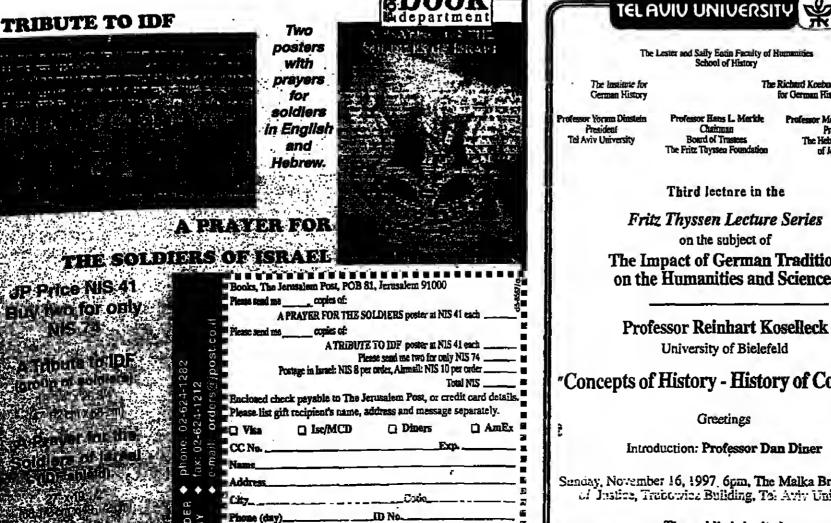
The justices themselves do not even belief in the right they implicitly discovered. It just happened to be the means to reach the desired result in this

Imagine that a group calling itself the Committee for Media Fairness to Haredim produced an interview with four baredi teenagers discussing their lives. And now imagine Educational TV refused to broadcast the show. Does anyone dream that the Supreme Court would grant the committee standing to challenge the decision of the broadcast authority or order the program sbown? The committee would more likely be assessed Court costs for filing a frivolous suit.

That hypothetical case conveys some sense of the extent to which the court is doing nothing more than imposing its particular values on society. They are tak-ing advantage of the public's long-standing apathy and, as an oligarchy lacking all indicial craftsmanship and without any sense of limits on its own power, forces its "enlightened" views npon us.

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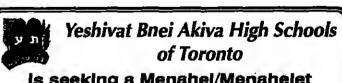
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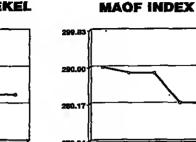
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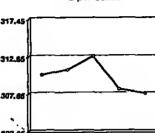
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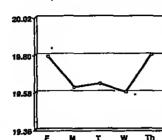
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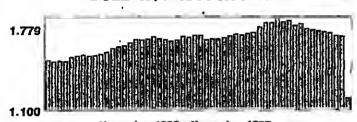
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Israel-Egypt tourism slumps in first half

There was a considerable drop in the oumber of tourists traveling between Israel and Egypt in the first half of the year, compared to the equivalent period in 1996, according to figures published yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Some 6,500 Egyptians visited Israel between January and June, a 38 percent decline, with 135,200 Israelis traveling to Egypt, down 13%.

During the first six months of the year, 19,700 entered from Jordan, a 1% drop compared to the first half of last year, while 9.200 Israelis visited Jordan, a similar figure to that fo year's period.

More than 50% of tourists from Egypt arrived here via Eilat and another 40% through Rafah. These figures represent a tumaround on the same period last year, in which more than 50% entered through Rafah and 43% through Eilat.

Of all visitors from Jordan, 63% crossed at the Sheikh Hussein Bridge, down 3% in actual numbers on last year, with 34% arriving via the Allenby Bridge, a 6% increase. The number of Israelis leaving for Jordan through the Arava crossing fell 4% and by the Sheikh Hussein Bridge by 3%.

Of Israelis traveling to Egypt, 94% left from Eilat bound for Sinai, a 10% drop on the figure from last year. Davis Harris

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Bezeq flotation could be delayed

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

The government's flotation of a 7 percent to 10% stake in Bezeq Ltd., planned for later this month, may be postponed as a result of allegations that its long-distance subsidiary employed unfair pricing tacocs, Tzipi Livni, director general of the Government Companies Authority, said

Earlier this week, Antitrust Authority director-general David Tadmor issued a report stating that Bezeq International implemented policies with the intendon of "misleading the public regarding pric-

"We have to address several issues on the drawing board and so the flotation may not happen by the end of the month," Livni said. "One of the things we're working on with the Israel Securities Authority is the

issue of Bezeq International."
Tadmor's 35-page report, delivered to
Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein and other government officials, incriminated Bezeq International's top executives for 'blurring" their tariffs. Rubinstein now



Government Companies director-general Tzipi Livni

musi decide whether to prosecute. Minister of Industry and Trade Natan Sharansky said he will invesogate whether the pricing practices breached consumer



Minister Limor Communications (Brian Hendler)

protection law. If so, be said he will bring

the case to magistrate's court. Wednesday, Communications Minister Limor Livnat told the Knesset that

her ministry had suspected that Bezeq International might be implementing unfair trade practices.

We followed them enough and we used our authority regarding Bezeq, and there were things that we thought might damage competition or mislead the public," she

Meanwhile, several lawyers issued a NIS 52 million class-action suit against the com-

pany in Beersheba District Court. Bezeg International confused the public into thinking its prices were lower than they were," said Ori Stendel, one of the lawyers who served the suit. "The fact that people thought the prices were lower hurt them doubly, because not only was this unfair to the consumer, but, when you think the prices are low, you talk longer on the phone.

The flotation, which is scheduled take place on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, is part of the government's plan to reduce its holding in Bezeq Ltd. from 65% to 52% by the end of the year.

In July, investment house Merill Lynch purchased 12.4% of the company's shares.

Greenspan: Asia turmoil no threat to US

By MICHAEL MCKEE

Continuing economic turmoil in Asia doesn't yet pose a threat to the US economy, though it's likely to cut US corporate profits. Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan said yesterday.

"To date, the direct impact of these developments on the American economy has been modest, but it can be expected not to be negligible," Greenspan said in testimony being delivered to the House Banking Committee.

The Fed chairman said that depending on the extent of the slowdown in Asia, "the growth of our exports will tend to be muted." Although direct US corporate investment and earnings from the region are smaller than the US share of exports, "the share is, oonetheless, large enough to expect some drop off in those earnings in the period ahead."

In addition, Greenspan said there will be "indirect effects on the US real economy from countries such as Japan that compete even more extensively with the economies in the Asian region." Separately, he said turbulence io Latin American markets may reflect contagioo effects from Asia or home-grown causes. However, this phenomenon illustrates the interdependencies in today's world economy and financial sys-

tems," he said. Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers also said he sees no "significant risk to United States financial institutions or to domestic financial stability as a whole as a result of the turbulence to date. However, a "great many uncertainties remain," he said, including the extent to which growth slows in Asia and the

effect of the depreciation of Asian currencies, along with the impact on Japan - and what that does to

US exports. "As a result, the direct and indirect trade impact on our economy of a prolonged period of slower growth in Southeast Asia, and the large decline in its currencies, is potentially significant," Summers

While Summers said he agrees with Greenspan's October 29 assessment that the impact on the US economy will be "modest, but not negligible." that will "depend heavily on stability being restored as soon as possible." Summers said speculative attacks on Asian currencies didn't trigger the crisis

"These flows were driven by domestic investors losing confidence in their own country's currency and seeking to diversify

their holdings," he said. He also repeated the US position that the International Monetary Fund should play the primary role in international efforts to stabilize Asian economies. And he called on Congress to approve a Clinton administration request for additional IMF Funding.

House and Senate negotiators agreed last oight to a \$13.1 billion foreign aid budget stripped of billions of dollars for the United Nations and IMF after a fight largely driven by the divisive domesoc politics of abortion.

Republicans want the administration to accept tougher anti-abortion restrictions on US-backed overseas family planning programs, which would receive \$385 million in the bill, and by withholding provisions to give the IMF \$3.5 billion and the UN \$926 mil-(Bloomberg)

Gov't, Channel 2 agree on new channel can be up and running by the end

By HELEN KAYE

Communications Minister Limor Livnat and the Second Television and Radio Authority Council have announced their cooperation on the establishment of a new commercial TV channel by the end of 1999.

After almost being at each other's throats over STRA's right, under the Second Authority Broadcast Law, to determine a ome frame for the renewal of its franchisees' licenses, the breakthrough came "when Livnat understood that we have no problem with another commercial channel," said STRA general manager Nahman Shai. "All we want is to run Channel 2 as permitted us

For her part, Livnat said that the clause in the ecocomic arrangements bill dealing with the Channel 2 franchise renewals could be voided if there were an understanding among all parties that the new commercial station

The clause would have put off

by several months next year's deadline by which the STRA is to decide whether or not to extend the current franchises, held by Reshet, Keshet and Tel-Ad, for another four years from 1999, when the franchises are set to

The STRA, Livnat's office, and the Cable and Satellite Channel Council and others will meet to create a framework for such a channel. The same body, headed by STRA Council head Prof. Gideon Doron, will consolidate principles that will enable the establishment of a National Broadcast Authority as recom-mended by the Peled Commission Report last June.

Teoders are expected to be issued by the end of next year, said Shai, adding that "another commercial channel can only be good for the consumer, for business and

Israel. China sign agriculture pact

By DAVID HARRIS

Israel and China on Wednesday signed an agricultiral agreement paving the way for greater cooperation between the two countries.

The agreement, signed by Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan and his counterpart Liu Jiang, will lead to increased exports to China of agricultural produce, technology, and investment, ministry Director-General Danny Krichman said yesterday.

The agreement, based on talks in May when Eitan visit-ed Beijing, includes the estab-lishment of a joint research and development center in China and a joint research fund (the sum to be contributed by the partners has yet to be fixed). Additionally, an experimental flower-producing area will be set up in China. Israeli companies are already beginning work on the flower project.

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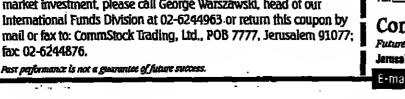
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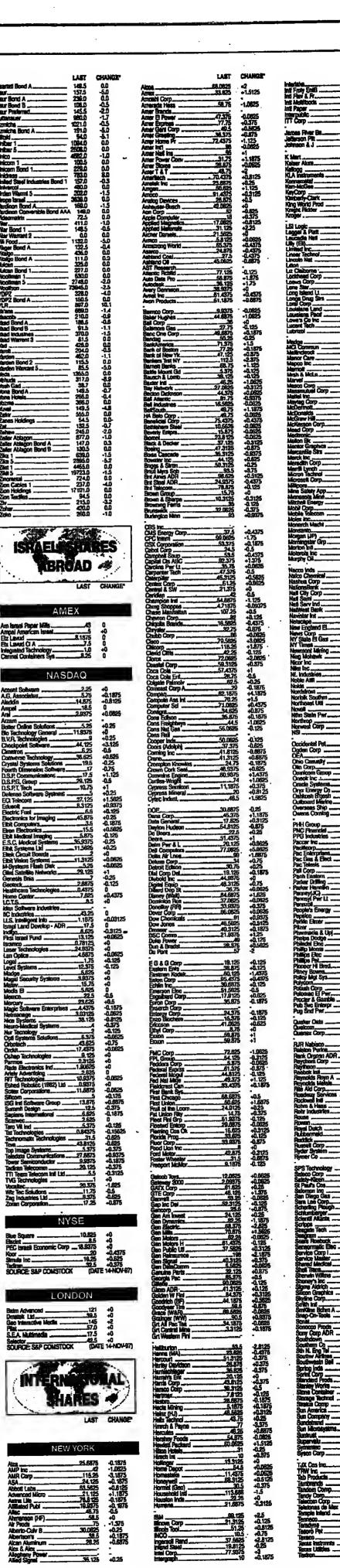
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TASE mixed in nervous trading

Tel Aviv

Israeli stocks closed mixed with a negative bias yesterday following volatility in world stock markets and after Israeli issues traded in New York followed Wall Street

The Maof Index of 25 stocks lost 0.1 percent to 280.71. The Mishtanim Index fell 0.27% to 270.98. The Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index of 75 stocks fell 0.91% to 91.64.

Offsetting the drops were Bank Leumi, up 2%, Bank Hapoalim, up 1.25%, and holding company Koor Industries Ltd., up 0.75%. "It's a worldwide issue and not a

specific thing for this or that stock market," said Eli Nahom, head of trading at Zannex Securities. The Tel Aviv market started lower then turned around late in

"When people saw that the situation in Europe was not so terrible, trading recovered," said Boaz Leviatan, analyst at Sahar

Israeli companies listed in New York, which dropped an average of 6%, Nahum said.

Europe

European stocks rose as bond yields declined and Hong Kong rallied. Hong Kong's benchmark Hang Seng Index rose 1.17 percent, easing concern Asia's economic woes will deepen and dampen profit growth in Europe.

The story of recent weeks is that everyone looks just at the foreigo markets, at Hong Kong or at the Dow, and follows them blindly." said Giancarlo Zasso, a trader at Nagrasim in Rome.

The UK's benchmark FTSE 100 Index rose 0.21% to 4730.5, Germany's DAX Ibis Index of 30 leading stocks gained 0.46% to 3714.52 and France's CAC 40 Index advanced 0.36% to 2706.38. One day of gains in Hong Kong

wasn't enough to dispel concern over Asia's economic problems though,

"We also have a direct impact "We'll need a longer period of are supporting the market with all from Wall Street" because of stability in Asia," said Keith their might because of anxiety



Maof 280.71 ▼ 0.1% Dow Jones 7487 ▲ 1.16% FTSE 4730 ▲ 0.21% Nikkei 15427.27 ▼ 0.04%

Martin, the head of UK equity trading at UBS Ltd. in London. "Short-term I'm still caucous."

Asia

Japanese stocks were little changed as an influx of public pension fund buying, the day before the ruling Liberal Democratic Party releases its economic stimulus package, kept the benchmark above 15,000.

They [public pension funds]

about the financial system and the risk of increasing bankruptcies," said Shigemi Nonaka, managing director at Sakura Asset Management Co., which handles 700 billion yeo (\$5.6b.) in securities. "But without an effective plan, there's no sign we've hit bottom."

The beochmark Nikkei 225 stock average fell 6.9 points, or 0.04 percent, to 15,427.27. It touched a low of 15,083.22 in morning trading. The Topix index of all shares on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange fell 1.39 points, or 0.12%, to 1198.97.

In the absence of an economic package likely to prove effective, the government had ample cause to support the market.

The Nikkei 225 stock index has fallen 10.3% over the past month. As the Nikkei plunges, the risk to banks increases as their latent profits on equity holdings plummet. Banks need those profits to write off trillions of yen in bad loans, which could increase as more companies go bankrupt in

Japan and around Asia.

The profits are also needed to

meet the Bank for International Settlements' capital-adequacy requirements. (Bloomberg)

Wall Street

Blue-chip shares recouped some losses, but stocks were mostly lower yesterday despite some hints of calm in the latest outbreak

of global financial fitters.
On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 86.44 points to 7,487.76 after swinging from an early 87-point gain to a

51-point loss.

Broader stock measures were mixed, with smaller-company shares failing to recover from the market's early afternoon slide. Declining stocks outnumbered advancers by a slim margin on all major US exchanges.
The fixation with overseas

developments cootinued to distract from the usual obsession with the latest US economic

The Labor Department reported that workplace productivity shot up at an annual rate of 4.5 percent from July to September.

Yen gains on concern Bank of Japan may sell dollars

The dollar fell against the yen from 126.44 yen Wednesday. In or the first time in 10 days as earlier trading it rose to 126.65, for the first time in 10 days as traders fretted the Bank of Japan might sell dollars to curb the US currency's rise. That concern mounted after Japanese media reported that the Ministry of Finance and the Bank of Japan considered such a move for a week, leading some traders to speculate the central bank had already intervened,

The market got the impression the Bank of Japan had been selling," said Dennis Pettit, manager of foreign exchange at Long Term Credit Bank of Japan, "Though no one said they saw them doing it, the rumors caused some panic

The dollar fell to 125.46 yen

the fifth straight six-month high. The dollar rose to 1.7241 marks from 1.7190 marks.

While the yen's weakness can benefit Japan's slumping economy by making exports less expensive, Japanese officials have, in the past, complained when the dollar rose quickly in a short peri-

"The dollar's been on a one-way street for the last 2 1/2 weeks. said David Ogg, manager of foreign exchange at Dresdner Bank. This takes some volatility out of

The dollar is up 13 percent against the yen since touching a 7month low of 110,65 yen June 11. cials don't want it much stronger.



Dollar 3.5340 unchanged Basket 3.8364 ▼ 0.14% Mark 2.0514 ▼ 0.58% Sterling 6.0053 ▼ 0.52%

It's risen about 6 yen in the last two weeks alone. The dollar was also hurt by concern that US offi-

The currency's strength can boost the price of US exports, making them less competitive, and tilt the balance of trade further in Japan's

"I can't imagine that the US is terribly happy about the yeu weakening as much as it has," said Pettit, of Long Term Credit Bank. They can live with it as long as it's a short-term phenomenon. The question is how long before it becomes permanent."

Last week, US Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin wrote a private letter to Japanese Finance Minister Hiroshi Mitsuzuka urging Japan to take strong action to boost its economy. While the contents of the letter weren't made public, US officials in the past admonished Japan to do more to spur domestic demand, a signal they're concerned about the trade gap. The dollar rose against the mark as traders turned their attention to the underlying strength of the US economy compared with Germany's. In one sign of US economic health,

"In recent days there was some worry about the Dow," said Ogg. "Some of that has subsided."

Also propelling the dollar versus the mark, Bundesbank council member Klaus-Dieter Kuehbacher said there's no need for higher German interest rates.

The comments that there's no . need for a rate hike are going to undermine the mark a little," said (Bloomberg)

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Gold little changed as demand sags

Precious metals

Gold was little changed just above Wednesday's 12 1/2- yearlow amid persistent concern about increasing sales and lending of gold by central banks at a time metal in Asia is sagging.

Confirmation on Wednesday

from the Bundesbank that it has been lending some of Germany's 3,700 tons of gold reserves, the secood largest reserves in the world behind the US, added to perceptions that central banks are now treating gold as a commodity rather than a key part of their monetary armory. Gold for immediate delivery was traded 80 cents higher, at \$308.15 an ounce, just above

its 12 1/2-year low of \$307.05, reached Wednesday.

Platinum prices fell in inter-bank trading. Concern persists the slowdown in the Japanese economy is affecting demand for jewelry made out of the precious metal.

Japan, the world's largest platworst economic performance for 23 years in the second quarter of this year. Japan accounts for about 75 percent of the world's total demand for platinum jewelry and a weak yen makes purchasing more expensive in dollar terms. Spot platinum fell \$3 to \$390 an ounce.

Oil

Brent crude oil futures rose

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Crude Oîl \$19.79 ▲ 0.27

CRB 242.82 ▲ 0.22% because Iraq has told US nationweapons teams there to leave the provoke military retaliation by

als serving on United Nations country, a move which could the US. Conflict in the Middle East could destabilize supplies from the region, which caters for a quarter of world oil demand, and send prices soaring, brokers currencies in Thailand, Malaysia

Iraq's decision to expel the US nationals directly follows UN Sanctions Committee vote yester-day to large the large property of the day to levy more sanctions against the country, as punishment for its December Brent crude oil rose 24 ceots in London to \$19.76 a barrel, a one-week high.

Others

Copper slipped in London amid concern an economic slowdown in Japan, Korea and Southeast Asia will translate into reduced demand for metal products such as vehicles and appliances. Since July, falling

and Indonesia has cut the region's buying power and appetite for big-ticket items. At the same time Japanese domestic consumption has slowed because of a sales tax increase earlier this year. Threedisruption to UN weapoos teams month copper fell \$3 to \$1,963 a

Zinc fell in Londoo amid concern of slowed demand in Asia. Japan, the world's second largest economy and the largest copper importer, said its current account surplus fell 34 percent in September from August, as exports to Asia slowed as the region's plunging currencies put a dent in exporters of cars and machinery. Three-month zinc fell \$9 to \$1,191 a metric ton. (Bloomberg)

US bonds pare losses as productivity jumps

US bonds recouped some early losses after the government reported a larger-than-expected increase in third-quarter business productivity. Non-farm productivity rose at a 4.5 percent annual rate in the third quarter after rising at a revised 2.4% pace during the sec-

Bloomberg News forecast a 2.9% increase. Improvements in produc-ovity are crucial to businesses if they want to hold down the prices they charge to stay competitive.

That's good news for inflation we're trading up on it," said Marcello Frustaci, a trader at Daiwa Securities America Inc. Inflation erodes the principal and interest payments from bonds.

The benchmark 30-year bond

fell 7/32, or \$2.19 per \$1,000 bond, to 100 3/32, pushing its yield up 2 basis points to 6.12%. The two-year note's yield rose I basis

BONDS

US 30 -year T-bill yield:

6.12 ▲ 0.2

point to 5.68%. Bonds earlier fell more than 1/2 point as stocks rebounded from Wednesday's losses and the yen strengthened against the dollar, lessening the allure of Treasury securities to international investors.

Bond traders have taken their cues from the stock market in recent weeks, snapping up Treasuries when equities slump, only to sell them when stocks rebound. Bonds have been viewed

as a safe haven from recent turmoil in world equity markets. In yesterday's report, unit labor

costs fell 0.3% in the third quarter after increasing 0.9% in the second quarter, the Labor Department reported. That's the first drop since the second quarter of 1994.

Gains in productivity can offset companies' increased labor costs, allowing them to refrain from raising consumer prices. (Bloomberg)

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (7.11.97)

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Swiss franc	2.4989	2.5393	245	2.58	2.5265	
Swedish krona	0.4668	0.4744	0.45	0.49	0.4708	
Norwegian krone	0.4972	0.5053	0.48	0.52	0.5006	
Danish krone	0.5346	0.5433	0.52	0.56	0,5292	
Finnish mark	0.6748	0.6857	0.66	0.70	0,6803	
Canadian dollar	2.4851	2.5252	2.44	2.57	2.5099	
Australian dollar	2.4395	2.4789	2.39	2.52	2,4623	
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Belgian franc (10)	0.9859	1.0019	0.96	1.02	0.9945	
Austrian schilling (10)	2.8893	2.9360	2.83	2.98	2,9148	
Italian lira (1000)	2.0776	2.1112	2.04	2.15	2,0961	
Jordanian dinar	4.9376	5.0173	4.87	5.21	4.9829	
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Irish punt	5.2981	5.3836	5.20	5.46	5,3413	
Spanish peseta (100)	2.4091	2.4480	2.36	2.49	2,4305	

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

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The report lists many incidents of violence by Raviv and states: "The response of his operators was, according to the material at hand, that the benefits of his actions outweighed

"He initiated acts of violence in Hebron; published fliers - including one which called for refusing to serve in the IDF, intimidated the Kiryat Arba Council head, who appeared too moderate, and his sons; presented the media with a staged Kach summer camp; created a new group under the name of Gideon's Sword, [and] published fliers calling for [Judea, Samaria, and Gaza Council spokesman Aharon] Domb to be harmed... His operators even chose to ask him to write slogans against the

peace process." On July 23, 1995, Raviv's GSS controllers summoned him to a cautionary meeting in which he admitted and overturning market stalls, mainly

to initiating many violent incidents, such as slashing the tires of cars belonging to Arabs, physical attacks, Raviv noted he personally "had badly beaten up many Arabs" and said he had used equipment belonging to a friend, whose name is cen-

sored in the published report, includ-

ing slingshots, bow and arrows.

knives, flares, and the friend's

licensed gun. Regarding the photomontage of Rabin in SS uniform, the report notes the initial act was carried out by two minors, and was not connected with

was Raviv who took a picture from them and gave it to the television and his denial of television reporter Nitzan Chen's statement is utterly untrustworthy."

"However, there is no doubt that it

Regarding assassin Yigal Amir, the report says: "Avishai Raviv was closer to him than any other person regarding everything related to organizing student demonstrations and Shabbat programs for students in Judea. Samaria, and Gaza; helping him in their organization and accompanying him to all these.
"Avishai Raviv made strong state-

ments against the prime minister and claimed that he was subject to 'din rodef [religious death warrant for being a persecutor] and that it was permissible to harm him. (The committee received testimonies from several [girls] on this.)

"It is therefore astonishing that in his reports on Amir he did not mention or even hint at Amir's known statements on his intention to harm the prime minister, which Amir made more than once to members of his circle of friends." The report says Raviv was insuffi-

ciently restrained by his handlers.

who often authorized provocative

and extremist acts intended to

enhance his credibility in the rightwing environment in which he oper-

"His provocations - particularly in everything related to physical attacks on Arabs and demonstrating in this way the existence of extremist, violent political bodies, indirectly - but clearly - harmed legal political groups, something his handlers could not have been unaware of." In the section on the Prime

that Yitzhak Rabin was informed he was a target, but did not ask the GSS to reassess security arrangements "for reasons unknown to the committee." His military aide, Danny Yatom, said he was not sure of the prime minister's assessment of the danger.

Minister's Office, the report states

TYatom himself relied on the GSS security apparatus to repair any breaches and present solutions for potential dangers." The security service believed the personnel protection unit was capable of coping with threats even if it

lacked specific information. GSS chief Ami Ayalon expressed satisfaction over the publication of the secret files, saying the GSS is ready "to pay the price" so that suspicions of a conspiracy would be vanquished once and for all.

We walk a fine line when it comes to operating agents and information sources, a line which passes between how vital the intelligence information is and between the negative behavior of the agent," said Ayalon. He said every effort is being devoted to find-ing the right balance between the two to foil anacks.

In a rare personal statement, Ayalon said the members of the GSS "will never forget the failure of the service in defending the life of the prime minister and its commander. Yitzhak Rabin." He said the service is constandy learning and implementing the lessons from the assassination.

According to Ayalon, the recommendations made by the Shampar Commission included strengthening supervision and control systems. tightening security, and putting together an ethical code for GSS activity.

We do not work in a vacuum. The government, parliament, and judiciary guide us as needed to carry out this important and sensitive mission, in which our best people are working night and day," Ayalon wrote.

Former deputy GSS head MK Gideon Ezra yesterday called for the Raviv Affair to be laid to rest and for the GSS to be allowed to carry on with its work without more interfer-ence. Nonetheless, Ezra maintained some very serious errors had been made during Raviv's eight-year stint as an informer for the GSS.

There is no doubt Raviv went out of control and his controllers did not act as they should have. They did not do their homework as required. To say that they fell askeep on guard is an understatement in view of what happened," he said.

"It is very strange to me that, with so many warnings and so many things happening, the prime minister did not wear protective gear. Therefore. I have my doubts about whether he [Rabin] received all the relevant information." Nevertheless. Ezra maintained that the matter had been thoroughly investigated, the lessons learned and those responsible for failing to protect the late prime minister had paid the price.

"It should be remembered that the prime work of the GSS is against our main enemies among the Arabs and this work is vital and must continue," Ezra said. "Furthermore, those involved have paid a heavy price and the lessons have been learned. To reopen the matter now will not contribute anything to what has to be done tomorrow and in the future."

Ezra completely rejected the various conspiracy theories, describing them as a "blood libel" against MK Shimon Peres.

"As somebody who knows the facts. I can say categorically that there was no conspiracy," be said.

Regarding the handling of informers, Ezra said there was no doubt that Raviv was problematic and had crossed the red line. "Somebody like that should have been dropped as quickly as possible. It is better to know nothing, rather

than having someone as provocative 89 that " Arieh O' Sullivan and David Rudge contributed to this report.



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The cost of victory



Prije Minister Binyamin Netanyahu acknowledges the applause of Likud activists at the party conention this week.

ooking like a union organizer firing up the workers, the generally staid Likud MK Uzi Landau leapt on a chair on the lawn of the Tel Aviv fairgrounds at the Likud convention Tuesday night and began berating his own

The Likud is sick, very sick," Landau shouted, to replies of "yes!" and "right!"

There is a serious rift between the party activists and the leaders," says Landau.

The party wakes up only just before elections, and after that it falls into a deep sleep. Its institutions have become democratic only in name, and the activists are not involved. The activists are the ones who brought us victory, let's not go like sheep to the slaughter."

The activists, embodied by the 2,700 members of the feisty central committee that took back the party's power this week, are certainly not following like sheep. But their power grab, in which they gave the niselves the responsibility for choosing the party's Knessei slate, as well as giving the party's institutions much more control over Likud policy, could very well be responsible for the slaughter.

"The Likud," said MK Ze'ev (Benny) Begin in a furious attack a day after the convention, "is being run hy a group of powerhungry, power-intoxicated, unrestrained people, headed by a man who misled and deceived his colleagues."

The picture is not pretty. Although Netanyahu may well be able to ride through threats by hitter ministers and renegade MKs to topple him or split up the party, the rumultuous events of the convention have left a sour aftertaste in the mouths of the party's rankand-file who - in the final analysis are the ones who cast the hallots. Louis Lipsky is a Jerusalem Likud

activist with Knesset aspirations. Lipsky ran in the last primaries and finished 77th, way down on

Netanyahu may have outmaneuvered his bitter ministers, but what impact will the tumultuous Likud convention have on the party rank-and-file? Herb Keinon reports

Tsomet list) but high enough to give the 37-year-old husiness consultant a desire to try again. The primaries were his vehicle. The decision to do away with them has left him feeling very much out in the cold.

the list (the Likud won only 22 can then vote for whoever they places on its joint Likud-Gesher-want. But the central comminee

"My way is through the pri-maries," Lipsky said. "My hope is break up the dominance of party to take my case to the public, who hacks, and to spread the party's

members won't vote for whoever they want; they get instructions from the different camps. Only 20 people will end up determining the list, and they are not interested in people like me."

According to Lipsky, the pri-

Primary history

decision to throw the nomination of its Knesset list back to the central committee rolls hack a democratization process that began in the country's major parties in 1977.

Up to then the country's two hig parties had picked their cangnitation (lams a six serebit committee inside their central committees.

These nominating committees numbering around 20 -would sit down and, after looking at the various sectors that need to be represented, thrash out a list. It was quintessential backroom politics.

The Likud initiated a revolution of sorts in 1977, when it opened up the process to the entire central committee by way of a convoluted system called septets." The upshot was that instead of 20 people selecting

the Likud convention's the list, it would now be selected hy the whole committee.

Labor, seeing the Likud's success in the elections of that year, followed suit. (Some of the smaller parties, such as Mapam and Ahdut Ha'avoda, had already opened the process to the central committees in the mid-1960s.) In 1992, Labor decided to outdemocratize Likud, and opted for the system whereby the fist would not be picked by the central committee, but rather by the party's entire membership in primaries," a term borrowed from the American political system.

Seeing Labor's success in the . 1992 elections, and how the primaries seemed to rejavigorate the party, it was the Likud with Binyamin Netanyahn's orging that followed suit this time and initiated primaries that determined. the state for the 1996 list. - H.K.

net far and wide. Now that's over. Lipsky has petitioned the party's internal court against the decision to trash the primaries, maintaining that this central committee cannot make changes that go into effect while it is still serving. This, he said, would be the equivalent of Knesset members voting to extend their term hy a year, to be effective immedi-

ately, not with the next Knesset. Lipsky said that if the court challenge doesn't work, a shadow party --- a Likud 2 --- will go ahead and hold primaries in an attempt to force the mother party's hand.

A true Netanyahu believer, Lipsky does not hold the goingson at the Likud convention against his leader. "I don't think Bihi was behind it," he said. "I don't think it is to Bibi's advantage. I think he is doing a fantastic job as prime minister, and should be judged by his joh as prime minister, not whether we are pleased with his performance as chairman of party. That is irrelevant to whether we need him as the prime minister of

If Lipsky has seen his long-shot Knesset aspirations dashed, Roni L., an Efrat resident who didn't want his last name used for fear that what he says may somehow be used against his place of employment, is one of the tens of thousands of people who signed up for the Likud in 1995 in order to vote in the primaries. Yesterday he called his bank and ordered it to stop his standing order to pay Likud dues.

"I joined the party before the last elections, when Netanyahu started to pick the Likud up from off the floor," he said. "But now I'm through. I refuse to be a member of a party that is being run hy hacks, charlatans, and people interested only in power." Roni said that it is clear the central committee rehellion is about jobs, patronage and perks.

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The dim view from Beit Shemesh

Dan Izenberg visits a Likud stronghold and finds residents disillusioned and angry with the party leadership

looks like Prime Minister inyamin Netanyahu and his ght-hand man, Avigdor Licerman, by reportedly arranging or this week's Likud Party conention to do away with the part primaries, have created the propr conditions for a Likud facton of highly disciplined lackys in the next Knesset. But if paty stronghold Beit Shemesh is aything to go by, they may findtheir faction sitting on the

oppsition benches.
Neanyahu and Lieberman were shrewd enough to understan the true balance of power between the glittering leadership of the party, and the group of anonypous activists comprising the party convention. But in focusing all their attention on the constitutional weakness of the ministrs, Netanyahu, Lieberman and the activists may have forgottento look over their shoulders athe rank-and file membership thich empowered all of them a the first place.

If anunscientific series of interviews indicative of anything, it showsthat even in this Likud bastion, which gave 78 percent of the vote t Netanyahu in 1996, where political feeling is usually more emotional than analytical, Netamahu and Lieberman have alienzed some of their most loyal backes.

To jut things in perspective, there are about 1,500 paid-up Likudmembers in Beit Shemesh, out of a total population of some 30,000. The straw poll showed that of nine Likud party members or supporters spoken to, three have quit or will quit the party over he cancellation of the primaris or related issues, a fourth favor restoring power to the central committee but will vote agaiist Netanyahu if Ze'ev (Berry) Begin or Dan Meridor runsagainst him, a fifth opposes the ecision but supports Foreign Minster David Levy anyway, two favor primaries but will accept any convention decision, and two don't care about the issie and will remain loyal to the Liled under all circumstances.

Noshe Cohen, who owns a lottery outet in the town's commercial center plans to "send his Likud membeship card to the Prime Minister's Office by registered mail."

Cohen said the decision to abolish the primaries "is a hlow. If there are no primaries, we are being cast aside. I feel personally

Cohen said the decision to choose the list of MKs via primaries had been a progressive

"Now we are going backwards to the central committee and the "panel of seven" system. No one asked us our opinion or consulted with us. The members of the convention want power, nothing

"I have always voted Likud. This time, if they abolish the primaries, they will lose me and many other people I know, who feel the same way I do."

As if to back up that statement, a friend of Cohen's joined the discussion and said that be, too. planned to return his party mem-

"All the members of the convention want is to use their positions for personal gain," he said, declining to identify himself. Motti Amar, 41, stopped paying

bis Likud membership dues three months ago and says he is no longer involved in the party's intrigues. That doesn't mean he doesn't have an opinion on the current controversy, bowever. "I'm against canceling the pri-maries because it is the best way

of choosing the party candidates," said Amar. "The members of the convention want to give themselves the power to choose whomever they want."
Amar likes Netanyahu, hut says

those around the prime minister are ruining things.

They are telling Netanyahu what to do," he explained. "As a result, he has abandoned party veterans like [Foreign Minister David] Levy, [National Infrastructure Minister Ariel] Sharon, and [Tourism Minister Moshe] Katsav in favor of newcomers like Yvette [Avigdor] Lieberman, who are setting the tone. I no longer support the Likud.'

The most outspoken opponent of the decision to abolish the primaries was Gesher supporter Avner Edri, whose choices in the coming election, whether he likes it or not, have been affected by the convention decision.



Eduard Assis (right) still backs the premier: 'I voted for Netanyahu. Let him decide whatever he wants.'

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"Don't get me wrong. I like

Netanyahu. But Lieberman will

bring 1,000 Russians into the con-

vention and take it over.

Meanwhile, they are getting rid of

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ont when I saw that I was confronted with a political mafia," said Cohen.

In fact, hy Buthul's own account, there were no elections in Beit Shemesh in 1993 for the list of party hranch leaders or central

the Likud is one of the most unified in the country," he said. sensus. There are no wars of the Jews fought here. We drew up a list of representatives by mutual

Netanyahu and Lieberman won an astounding political victory this week over the veteran leadership of the party. And since there is probably a long way to go before the next election, longtime Likud supporters, angry as they may be right now, will have plenty of time to cool down before they must face the traumatic possibility of voting for

But if the Likud dissidents decide to make good their veiled

prime minister's prerogative to Likud MKs and ministers have Likud voters that they are differdecide what kind of system not learned the lessons of the ent," he said. "In doing so, they

tried to undermine Netanyahu hy "I voted for Netanyahu," said attacking in public policies adopted by the government

NOT EVERYONE in Beit Not surprisingly, the most ardent defendants in Beit Shemesh takes as grave a view of "Today, everyone in the country is arguing about something or other," said 31-year-old Haim Cohen, "Everyone wants 10 be prime minister, so everyone is

Labor Party." Cohen said that even though he Vaknin. is a Likud Party member, "it won't bother me if I can't vote in primaries. It makes no difference to me. I support the Likud," Meir Elias, 54, cares about the

primaries, but not enough to leave the Likud. "Of all the possible systems

arguing. It's the same in the

one can conceive of, the primaries are the best," said Elias. "But I have always supported the Likud and I always will - even if they take away my right to choose the MKs.

Eduard Assis, 55, says it's the

Assis. "Let him decide whatever he wants. That's the way it should be."

Shemesh of the convention's decision to abolish the primaries are activists higher up in the Likud hierarchy. One of them is Eli Butbul, former central committee member and current aide to Beit Shemesh Mayor Daniel

Butbul believes that the decision to abolish the primaries is part of the cleaning-up act that Netanyahu launched four years ago, when he was elected party chairman.

People are fed up with the infighting in the Likud," said Buthul. "In 1993, the feeling was that we lost the election only because of the discord within the party. The Likud elected a leader and he should be allowed to

According to Bushul, some

know they will get a few headlines in the newspaper."

He rejects the accusations that the convention members want to retrieve power in order to gain lucrative johs and influence for themselves.

"Maybe there are one or two people who think that way, but I am talking about national considerations," said Butbul. "We have to create the conditions which will make people behave properly."

BUTBUL DENIED that Lieberman controlled the convention members and could make them do whatever he pleased. "They are independent thinkers,

not a flock of sheep," he said. He also denied that the decision to abolish the primaries and hand the power of choosing the list of MKs to the central committee was an anti-democratic move. Butbul said that at the grass-roots level of party activity - in Beit Shemesh, like everywhere else the more active and ambitious party members recruited their friends so that when they ran for office, they would have their own supporters to vote for them.

This means that the members of the central committee are the authentic representatives of the party membership," said Buthul, Moshe Cohen, the man wbo plans to return his party membership card, found Buthul's explanation simplistic.

"I tried to get elected to the central committee, but I dropped

committee representatives.

"The Beit Sbernesh branch of "Many things are done by conconsent."

some other party.

threat of defection, they may find a ready-made constituency itch-

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These people are only interested in getting cushy jobs, that's what the revolt is about. What has happened to ideology? Their big ideology is their jobs, that every minister will play up to them. They want respect, they want the ministers to come to their sons' bar-mitzva and circumcision cere-

Roni dismisses claims by convention delegates that they want more accountability from the ministers and MKs so they can influence their ideological positions. "Nonsense," he said. The convention was a disgrace. This is a week when we had the anniversaries of Rabin's assassination. Nahshon Wachsman's killing, the bombing on the No. 5 bus in Tel Aviv; and what was the central issue at the convention? Jobs.

"Saddam Hussein is talking about blowing us all up, and the only thing on the agenda is

After venting his frustration. Roni said that his choices, come election time, are limited. He said he would still vote for Netanyahu over Ehud Barak, because of ideological reasons, but would think long and bard before voting for the Likud's Knesset list.

"I am afraid the convention will bring down the party," he said. "In 1992 1 called a radio station and pleaded with the Likud to stop fighting because we were going to fall. The same thing is happening

Whereas Lipsky said he doubts the voters will punish the party because of the convention since "people identify with Likud because of the ideology, oot because of the people on the list," Roni disagreed.

"People come to the elections

with a gut feeling. And the feeling the convention left in the gut is not a good one," he said.

This assessment was echoed by Avraham Brichta, the outgoing head of Haifa University's political science department and an authority on election systems and processes. "I think in the eyes of the public, what the party did will burt them," Brichts stated. "They have given the nomination back to party bosses, and the MKs will again be dependent only on small cliques. Voters prefer a more democratic process. It has a much greater appeal than the oligarchic

Brichta believes that it is this very appeal that will keep Labor and Meretz from abolishing their own primaries, especially now, since they can contrast the openness of their internal nomination process to the closed oligarchy that has won out in the Likud.

However, Brichtz pointed out that while the move may be bad for the Likud, in that it could lose seats in the next election, it is not necessarily bad for Netanyahu, since, as prime minister, be is elected directly, appearing on a separate ballot. The central committee process will give Netanyahu greater control over the party, Brichta said, arguing that the prime minister may think it is more in his interest to have a smaller faction in the next Knessel that is obedient, rather than a larger one he cannot count on.

When asked whether this is wise, since a smaller Likud facoon will open Netanyahu up to more pressure and demands from the smaller parties within the coalition, Brichta replied: "Now he has both a weak facoon and extortion from the small parties. It is in his interest to have one or the other, not both." The events of the past week indicate he is opting for

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Return of the shuttle diplomat

Henry Kissinger says the US and Israel have been talking past one another. It's time for a strategic understanding, he tells Thomas O'Dwyer

Two weeks before he was murdered, prime minister Yitzhak Rabin had a long lunch with former secretary of state Henry Kissinger at the Regency Hotel in New York. Two years later. Kissinger was here this week to deliver the first Rabin Lecture for the new Yitzhak Rabin Center in Tel Aviv, established to honor the slain statesman.

"This is very moving for me," he said. "He was a very dear friend. I knew him since 1967. He was a shy man, with extraordinary analytical skills, totally committed to Israel's security - but also to the peace in which it must be embedded." Over that lunch, Rabin told Kissinger Israel had entered

the Oslo peace process because it had no choice. Or rather, it had three options regarding Gaza and the West Bank, but only one was a valid choice. They were: integration, which would change the demographic basis of the State of Israel: an "Arab bantustan" solution, which would destroy the moral basis of the state; or negotiated coexistence.

Kissinger said Rabin "was totally, totally, trusted in Washington and, in partnership with Shimon Peres, he built a remarkable position for Israel in the international and Arab world.

Once, when a foreign diplomat told Rabin to argue for peace with him any more would be preaching to the converted, Rabin replied 'no, not to the converted; to the committed."

KISSINGER IS as robust at 74 as be was in 1974, when he became shuttle diplomacy personified ("messenger boy." he quips) and brokered the historic disengagement agreement after the Yom Kippur War.

Kissinger speaks of his "complex personal situation" in his dealings with the Middle East. A German-born Jew who lost 13 members of his family in Nazi death camps, he has always felt his destiny is linked to Israel's.

"And yet, I also bave been honored to be the first lewish secretary of state, contributing to guiding the destiny of America in very difficult times - Vietnam, the domestic Watergate crisis, the Yom Kippur War, the energy crisis and first Israel-Arab peace process," he says.

He has been the object of controversy and attack as well as of admiration, yet, unlike many other wary statesmen, Kissinger is at ease with the media, staying on the record all the time.

Just before he ended his trip this week, five journalists

were invited to interview him in his room at Tel Aviv's Dan Hotel. He carefully noted and repeated the journalists' names and, citing their reports in the Hebrew and English media, declared Israeli coverage of his visit and his com-meots had been "very fair." He tackled all questions with growling gusto, fixing the questioner with a gimlet gaze.

But there were limits. His admiration for the achievements of the Rabin-Peres team was clear, but he deftly turned aside attempts to draw comment on the current crisis of confidence in the peace process being blamed on the government of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

"Obviously this government is different from the previous one, but I will not be drawn into Netanyahu baiting." he said bluntly. "I am not here to negotiate, I am here to conceptualize." What he would be drawn into was repeating the theme of



Kissinger: 'Assad is never going to feel he must make a great contribution to coexistence. But he is willing to make a practical arrangement.'

his Rabin Lecture at the Habimah Theater earlier this week - that it is essential for Israel and the United States to reach strategic agreement on where they want to go in the peace process, and then go there.

Where they should be going is ioto final settlement talks on the clear understanding that since a Palestinian state is inevitable, it is time to negotiate Israel's borders with that

"The question must be - what are the borders that are considered secure by Israel, and comparible with Arab dignity by the PLO. This will not always be an easy process. I have always advocated a version of the Allon Plan for the West Bank," Kissinger said.

"What I do think is very important is that the United States and Israel have that strategic discussion on where they are trying to get to, so that the outcome is tolerable to all sides... I'm oot sure they have had that discussion." Kissinger said the Clinton administration thinks the right

way to proceed is to carry out all the provisions of the Osio agreements and the emphasis should be on the redeployments. He thinks the Likud government wants to cut to the final-status talks.

"Therefore the two sides [the US and Israel] have been talking past one another," he said. "I would really like to see that strategic understanding-between Israel and the US. One doesn't know what might happen if that could be achieved... There really has been only one high level meeting between the secretary of state [Madeleine Albright] and Netanyahu, so it's early days.".

KISSINGER emphasized he was talking only about the Palestinian track. "Syria is a different story stirely," he said. Professing great personal regard for resident Hafez Assad'a intellectual powers, Kissinger said "Assad always moves very slowly. You cannot judge bis itimate reaction

by his first reaction to a proposal.

"If one side says this is what I might be willing to do in theory, if you are willing to do something in theory, this is

not the way he operates. "At least in negotiations I have seen, is aeli negotiators drag you to the last second of the last hote of the last day, to prove to each other that they have got he last drop of blood out of the stone. The Syrians are the same way, maybe even stronger. The fact that Rabin nadd a proposal which was not immediately accepted does not mean the opportunity was lost."

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Kissinger said the trick of negotiating with Asiad is to be patient, but not let him think it can go on interfliitely.

"If he thinks that, it will go on indefinitely—because you might bring something else on the next visit. In the same was the line that made the previous secretar of state [Warren Christopher] go there 26 times."

Kissinger said Assad is not Forcet's Assars Salas

Kissinger said Assad is not Egypt's Anwar Sadt - there will never be a defining "trip to Jerusalem" that till signal a breakthrough. Even Israelis still think there is going be an illuminating moment when Assad will make a suden turn towards peace and then everything will follow. Thee won't

Sadat thought the problem between Israel and te Arabs was psychological, so be would remove the psychlogical part of it. Assad doesn't care what the attitues are, Kissinger explains.

To Assad, the only obstacle is that Israel has Syian territory. He is never going to feel he must make a grat contribution to coexistence. But in my view be is wiling to make a practical arrangement."

Kissinger said that on every visit here, he keep getting asked when Assad is going to see the light.

"He already sees the light by the way be looks aftereign policy. It is already progress that he is willing to mak peace with Israel. When I first met him, he was oot evenwilling to talk about it. Negotiation will be detailed and presected. but he can do it."

ASKED ABOUT Iran, Kissinger strongly rejected onventional wisdom that the new president, Mohammed Katami, is more moderate.

"I see no sign of it. Maybe he is more modern, but nly in his domestic policy. It is even possible he will ighten domestic restrictions on the economy, but will purche this [from the mullahs] by even greater orthodoxy on reign policy." Nonetheless, Kissinger said he did not queston the importance of improving relations with Iran as a keystrate-gic state in the region "if it can be done."

"But I think it would be very dangerous to lift sanctons or pay any unilateral price when, for 20 years now, no ce can point to even one conciliatory move the Iranian government has made towards anybody in the Western world," hesaid. Asked about American attitudes towards Russia's liddle

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East policy, Kissinger said Rossia has no interest in istening to any Western calls to do anything, particularly n the

"Look, we Americans have this tendency to believ we are some sort of schoolmasters of humanity, forever leturing oo proliferation, and this, and that. What Russia vants to do is to elbow its way into Middle East diplomey to show the United States it cannot be ignored ... What Hissia wants to do is show it is a major player in the Middle East, and it might follow short-sighted policies while doingit."

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How fertile is the crescent?

US officials see business opportunities in the Middle East despite the lukewarm response to the regional summit in Doha that opens on Sunday, Hillel Kuttler reports from Washington

t the 1995 regional eco- must be built. And, of course, they Egypt and Qatar fought for nomic summit in Amman, the right to host the next annual event. So a compromise was struck: Cairo in 1996 and Doha in

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That was then, this is now. "We don't have that competition this time around," a senior Clinton administration official acknowledged the other day.

Gone is the heady atmosphere surrounding the groundbreaking Casablanca conference that was held three years ago. Given curheld three years ago. Given current Arab recriminations against Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, many US officials say it is a wonder that the fourth Middle East/North Africa Economic Conference, which starts on Sunday, is being held at

That it is, they say, is a tribute to the administration's persistence and to the Qataris' refusal to knuckle under to the threats of their Arab brethren, mainly the Syrians and Saudis.

Officials of the Commerce and State departments prefer to see the glass as half-full.

They point to the expected attendance of more than 150 Americans and 125 Qataris among the 750 representatives from the private sector worldwide, and the increased Asian business presence

One official even claimed that only the lack of hotel space in the host city - two ships are being pressed into service to accommodate people - is preventing greater

At the same time, they bemoan the decrease in attendance of businesspeople from the region, who represent the foundation on which expanded intra-regional trade are concerned by the decision by many Arab governments to send lower-level officials or to boycott the conference entirely.

'Frankly, it's a triumph to do it at all uoder the current circum-stances," the US official said, of the effect of the crisis in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations on the Doha conference.

WHILE SUSPICION about Netanyahu nearly caused Egypt to abort last year's event, the situation is more dire this year, the offi-

"They had doubts. A year ago, we said, 'Give [Netanyahu] a chance.' Now, they don't see this Israeli government as much of a partner. They've got a perception. We're not going to turn that per-ception around."

The US was determined not to let the Doha conference collapse. This is because "we feel that we cannot afford to allow the institutions of the process to die or to collapse, because it will be that much more difficult" to resuscitate in the future, said Martin Indyk, the new assistant secretary of state for Near East affairs, Indyk made his remarks in a lecture here Wednesday, just days after returning from the Persian Gulf, where he had lobbied on behalf of the conference.

ALL THIS occurs as the giant just up the Gulf, Iraq, is again in the news, tweaking the US by refusing to allow Americans to participate in the UN's weapons inspections. Rob Satloff of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy said Doha and Baghdad are unrelated, but they "underscore the competing trends in the

"One, Saddam was there before Madrid, since Madrid, and Saddam is still there; and two, the rise and fall of multilateralism. It seems to me this (Doha) is pretty much the last gasp of the great regional ideas after Madrid. The [regional development] bank is dead, the [five sets of] multilateral negotiations are dead," Satloff

Washington also values the con-ference because if believes it helps stimulate economic reform. Businesspeople and government officials interviewed attribute Egyptian and Qatari economic liberalizations in part to the hosts' recognizing the importance of improving their own climate for attracting international business.

This time around, there are fewer grand schemes for regional integration, along the lines of the Jordan Rift Valley development project of two years ago.

But, according to undersecretary of state for economic affairs Stuart Eizenstat, the US is still "pushing hard" to advance the Rift Valley plan, as well as the Akaba airport, a development account for the territories via the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC). a federal agency, the Gaza industrial zone and the Israel-Egypt "peace pipeline," a gas pipeline between the two countries.

The US is also nurturing the Israel-Jordan joint venture for a Global TransPark at Akaba. Eizenstat and other US officials say the office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) could announce at Doha that the US is granting the TransPark, as well as Irbid, Jordan, "qualified industrial zone" status, giving these areas preferential access to the American market.

At Cairo last year, the US the Doha conference is spurring



announced multimillion-dollar deals between American and Middle Eastern companies, and this year three or more huge deals will be signed. Officials don't want to steal the thunder from Secretary of State Madeleine Albright by revealing what they are, but it was learned that one of the deals is a \$750 million joint veoture between Phillips Petroleum, based in Bartlesville,

Petroleum Corporation to build a petrochemical plant. The sides have been hammering out the terms since Phillips woo the contract in May, and US officials believe that the approach of

Oklahoma, and the Qatar General

the sides to bring it to closure.

The Commerce Department is buoyed, too, by two major deals US companies signed recently: one for \$1 billion between Hughes Space Communications of Los Angeles and Thuraya Satellite Telecommunications Company of the United Arab Emirates for a satellite mobile communications system, and another for \$1.6 billion between CMS Energy of Dearborn, Michigan, and Morocco's national utility company, ONE, to construct a 1,300 megawatt power plant at Jorf

Albright, Eizenstat, Commerce Secretary William Daley and his

heading the US's government delegation, American companies are bidding on 24 deals with companies in the region, worth about \$20 billion, and Albright and Daley will lead the advocacy effort.

GENERAL ELECTRIC'S vice president and senior couosel Mike Gadbow will be at Doha with about six colleagues. He said GE is participating both to support the emirate and to encourage further policy reform to create a better environment" for doing business in the region.

The opportunities for trade and the elimination of trade barriers are greater in this region than any undersecretary David Aaron are other region," be said. "The

[poteotial] benefits are tremendous.

He cited Egypt's privatization-liberalization policy and Saudi Arabia's desire to get into the World Trade Organization as evidence of improvements.

GE does "quite a significant percentage" of its \$90 billion of annual revenue in the region and is going to Doha looking to arrange deals in power generation, transportatioo and aircraft engines, Gadbow said.

The political problems are a concern, but Gadbow bopes that they don't "monopolize all the attention" at Doha.

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Behind-the-scenes trade

t first glance, the slight man with the trimmed While most Arab countries are boycotting mustache looked like your the Doha conference, Arab and Israeli businesspeople say quietly that they are trading more than ever. The biggest obstacle is bureaucracy, Steve Rodan writes



average Middle Eastern tourist, albeit a well-dressed one. His suit was made of the finest cotton, and he sported a silk tie. The traveler turned out to be a prince from one of the Gulf states. His destination was Israel. His

goal was to buy arms - at least a billion dollars worth. That may sound like a tale from

The Thousand and One Nights, but it has been confirmed by diplomatic sources who refused to divulge further details lest they give away the prince's identity or that of his country. If that story sounds fantastic, coosider the Arab businessman

exchange for a pipeline through the country. While most Arab states are boycotting the three-day Middle East economic conference that starts in Qatar on Sunday, Arab and Israeli businesspeople say quietly that they are trading more than ever.

Despite Jaraeli-Arab tensions,

deals are being completed without fanfare in Arab and European capitals. They involve purchases of products that few people would ever dream of Israel exporting to the Arab world, including military

We have made sales of a cou-ple of million dollars to more than one Arab country," says Israel Military Industries presideot Shlomo Milo. "They approached us," he adds, declining to elabo-

Ziad K. Abdeloour, a Lebaneseborn managing director of the York-based InterBank Capital Group, has watched Arabs and Israelis forge business contacts and joint ventures for years.

"It is a fact that Arabs and Israelis have been conducting business for the last 15-20 years," he says. This has been private business. It hasn't taken place only during the peace process of the last three years or four years, but for a long time."

Abdelnour, who has also written about Middle East economies for prominent US academic journals, asserts that Arab investors are drawn to Israelis for several reasons: their geographic proximity, the quality of Israeli technology and marketing, and most impor-tant, the likelihood of getting an

American investor involved. Business between Israel and the Arabs is dependent on the political situation but it is increas-

ing as well," Abdelnour says.
"It is increasing at the rate of 8 to 10 percent a year. If there were a political settlement, it would go up to 22 percent a year. The gain for the Arabs is that if the Arabs want to attract Western and especially American investors, they have to make peace with Israel." firm Coopers & Lybrand, Israel is second in the world today as a recipient for venture capital for financing investments. It is outdone this year only by the US.

There are two kinds of business being conducted between Israelis and Arabs. The first sort is of a high-profile nature, such as a venture involving 28-year-old entrepreneur Daniel Lubetzky. In 1994, he founded The Peaceworks, Inc. with Israeli and Arab investors, to encourage peace through econom-

. Today, Mexican-born Lubetzky markets a line of condiments composed of tomatoes and olives. The produce is grown by Palestinians and manufactured by Israelis. The spreads are called Moshe Pupik and Ali Mishmumken's World Famous Gourmet Foods. Pupik means belly button in Hebrew. Mishmumken in Arabic could be

translated as incredible. The name might sound more like it belongs at a Middle Eastern carnival, but the product sells.

According to the accounting The spread, plus Lubetzky's spreads, basil pesto sauce and olive oil, are sold in more than 2,600 outlets in the US, Mexico. Canada, Europe and parts of South America. Sales in the US total more than \$1 million.

"In the modest venture that we started, things cannot be better," Lubetzky says, speaking from his mobile phone between business deals somewhere in New Jersey. "We [Arabs and Israelis] are the strongest of allies. We haven't educated people enough to show that Arabs and Israelis are working together. All you hear on the news is the negative."

In Lubetzky's case, good business has also become good politics. Both Israeli and Jordanian diplomats have endorsed the pro-Leading Americans have joined

in as well, including Ben Cohen, cofounder of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, and Leonard Hausman, a leading economist at Harvard University who has been a US envoy at Middle East economic

Then there is the quiet business cooperation. Here, there are no announcements of deals, no release of sales figures and usually no government recognition.

An Arab participant in joint ventures with Israelis says the scenarios for such deals fall into two categories. The easy deal is one concluded with a Middle East distributor who wants to import Israeli goods to his country or

Such deals have been numerous, Arab and Israeli business sources say. They include the export of eggs, processed food or chemicals to the Gulf states, electronic equipment and medical technology to North Africa and agricultural technology to Iran.

Just about every country today receives Israeli products, regardless of their label - even countries such as Iraq, Syria and Lebanon. -Many products are marketed and exported through Europe,

particularly London. In other cases, Jordan serves as a meeting point for Arab and Israeli businesspeople, and such exports are

often marketed via the Hashemite kingdom. Egypt is also a meeting place for Israelis and Arabs, but Cairo is not the highly regarded site that it was two years ago.

Trade between Arabs and Israelis is hard to gauge. Official trade with Egypt is expected to total about \$45 million this year. With Jordan, the figure is about \$10 million. Morocco buys several million dollars worth of exports a year from Israel, official statis-But Israeli diplomats acknowl-

edge that despite their quiet

efforts they learn only about a

small percentage of the business

deals that are made with the Arab world. Some officials and diplomats estimate that trade with Morocco alone actually totals close to \$1 billion. "We know maybe 20 percent of the picture," an Israeli diplomatic source serving in an Arab country says. "Most of the business we

call people directly to ask they would hang up on us." Israeli and Arab businessmen estimate the volume of trade and joint ventures at close to \$2 billion. Abdelnour points to Morocco as an example. The investors include Fuad Filali, a

don't know about. If we would

son-in-law of King Hassan IL "Morocco is a very interesting market," Abdelnour says. "There is lots of privatization. They are at the forefront of Arab capital markets. They are very active with Israelis and American firms."

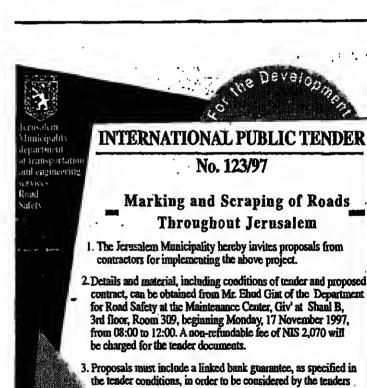
The key to expanding business, Arab and Israeli businessmen say, is forming a joint venture. Here's how it works. An Israeli businessman has a product line. He transfers this to an Arab country, usually Jordan or Egypt. The Arab part-ner provides capital, cheap labor and powerful political connec-tions. Such links are vital to ensuring that Arab authorities do not interfere.

The markets tend to be in Europe and the US. Israel has free trade agreements with both and with the addition of low labor eosts, these products can undercut a lot of the competition. In such cases, the product has to be labeled 'Made in Israel.'

But an increasing number of Arab distributors are interested in marketing these products as well. For this, the products must be labeled as being manufactured in Jordan or Egypt.

The US has quietly been encouraging these efforts. Last month, US Undersecretary of Commerce Stuart Eizenstat visited Jordan and toured an Israeli-Jordanian factory that has been exporting products to the US under the free trade agreement. The Jordanians hope to win similar approval for duty-free products to be sent to the European Union.

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The Holocaust according to Eva Braun

mong the scores of com-ments written in the visiments written in the Israel tors' book at the Israel Museum's exhibit, "Live and Die as. Eva Braun," are these: "Beautiful exhibit! This is the last thing that ought to be censored."

"I am a survivor of Auschwitz and am ashamed to see what is presented as art io the Israel

"You were right in trying to see the subject in your own way! [Signed, by two womeo] who have gone through it and haven't forgotten anything." "I found it obscene and deeply

upsetting. I wish I had oot been so open-minded to come to see it." The full title of the exhibit is "Live and Die as Eva Braun -Hitler's Mistress, in the Berlin Bunker and Beyond - An Illustrated Proposal for a Virtual-Reality Scenario - Not to Be Realized." It was created by Israeli artist Roee Rosen, whose father is a Holocaust survivor.

The exhibit, which opened November 4 and closes January 30, has been criticized as pomographic, for "bumanizing" Eva Braun, for asking viewers to identify with ber, and for deeply offending the sensitivities of Israelis, especially Holocaust survivors. Some, like Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Shlomo Shakedy, bave called for it to be closed immediately, a demand the museum has rejected.

The exhibit's defenders insist that it approaches the horrors of the Holocaust from a fresh perspective and tries to convey these borrors in the most harrowing, intimate way.

Rosen said his iotention was to treat the Holocaust "in a way that would be vivid, that would oot arrive at a resolution and offer consolation and would not soften things up for the viewer." He said that because the paintings and text show Eva Braun and her world to be so grotesque, the viewer cannot possibly identify with her bot will experience the exhibit as herself or

"My meetings with Holocaust survivors at the exhibit were thrilling and moving," said Rosen. "Many just came up to me and shook my hand; some said they saw it as a memorialization of what they went through." As yet, be said, all the face-to-face reactions from Holocaust survivors have been encouraging. But he also expects to hear condemna, tions from survivors by the time,

The text displayed in the exhibit presents the viewer with a minutely detailed fantasy of Eva Braun comes towards you with such warmth, his smile tired, his arms open to embrace you. Remember - you are Eva.") They copulate - urination fetish and all; Eva Braun is shot by Hitler, she expeWhile some viewers of the Eva Braun exhibit shake the artist's hand, others shake their heads in dismay, wondering how such a thing can be shown in Israel. Larry Derfner reports



The paintings in the exhibit show pastoral German scenes and fairy tales alongside scenes of murder. Below: The artist at age three with a Hitler mustache. (Courtesy of the Israel Museum)

"The exhibit actually shows the depravity of the culture that produced Hitler"

> —James Snyder, Israel Museum director-general

riences afterlife. In the end, she visualizes a tableau of Hitler and herself, dead in the bunker, on display at a wax museum in Milan. ("There's no question, you are being led to hell - but why?")

The paintings in the exhibit show pastoral German scenes and; German fairy tales, alongside scenes of murder. Ofteo the innocent and the demonic are woveo together in the same paioting. There are animals, angels and lites. One painting depicts Rosen himself at age three with a Hitler mustache.

Educadon and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer wrote to the museum asking it to show greater



consideration for the sensitivities of viewers, particularly Holocaust survivors. James Soyder, directorgeneral of the museum, said that while there is, a written introduca. tion in the exhibit hall explaining. that this is an artist's demanding but earnest attempt to deal with the Holocaust, a shorter and more clearly stated introduction will be

"The exhibit actually shows the depravity of the culture that produced Hitler," Snyder said. He noted that while be was certainly aware that some viewers, especially Holocaust survivors, would find

"I'm all for artistic freedom, but the art itself has to stand the test [of worthiness]"

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reporters interview him.

Asked if he thought the exhibit

gave a sympathetic portrayal of Eva Braun, Amit replied, "No, but

that doesn't concern me. But I

asked myself why an exhibit is being shown in Israel that asks

people to encounter the Holocaust via Eva Braun. It seemed strange

to me and, in a way, unseemly and

wrong. Before we understand the

murderers, we have to understand

the murdered. I'm all for artistic

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versy arose, four or five

Holocaust survivors called Amcha

urging the organization to protest

against the exhibit. None of the

callers had seen it he said, but

some might have seen the paint-

ings and portions of the text pub-

lished in Jerusalem's Kol Ha'ir.

They said they didn't want to go near the exhibit. They felt burt by

it and didn't understand why it was being shown. They were angry," Amit said. adding, "I

imagine that some survivors had positive reactions to it, but I

In deciding to do Live and Die

as Eva Braun," which took three years to complete, Rosen said,

The crucial question for me was

why a trauma that is so central to

my idenoty, both personal and collecove, is one that I've always

avoided tackling as an artist?" He realized that "I had good reasons

to maintain silence. One of them

was that I was afraid to offeod

But ultimately, he said, be decided it was "immoral" to be silent.

He also believes that many depic-

tions of the Holocaust which ask

viewers to "idenofy with the vic-

tims" end up "allowing us to speak

in the name of the victims," and

that was immoral, too. Finally, he

said, so much expression about the

Holocaust is filled with cliches,

which deaden people to the acmality of the Holocaust. This, too, he

contends, is immoral.
Of all the comments written in

the visitors' book, Rosen said the

one that gave him the greatest lift

was from a boy of 17 "who said

that before he attended the exhibit,

he could only think cynically

about the Holocaust because of all

the cliches attached to it. But this

showed him there were also other

The 34-year-old Rosen said his

father had never talked to him about his experiences to the

Holocaust, until he saw "Live and

"He thanked me for it," Rosen

said. "But he also said he could

fully understand how other sur-

vivors might have a very different

ways to look at it.

Die as Eva Braim.

haven't come across any.'

Amit said that after the contro-

-Yoram Amit Amcha director

the exhibit hard to take, most of the reactions, including those from survivors, had been posiove. "We are not out to offend anybody. We're supposed to be about doing good," he said.

Like Rosen, Snyder said he was particularly irked by the attacks from politicians and others who had not even seeo the exhibit. "This is a new school of art criticism," he commented sarcastical-

Yoram Amit, director of the erusalem branch of Amcha, an organization that provides aid and reaction. psychological counseling to Holocaust survivors and their families, said he went to see the exhibit this week so he would know what he was talking about when

Sex and suicide with Hitler

Tao he seen the show or or read its extensive text, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer might have been less polite in asking the Israel Museum to reconsider continuing its current presentation of "Live and Die as Eva Braun," by Roee Rosen, a lecturer at Camera Obscura and Beit Berl, who employs doctored German children's book illustrations, some pomographic, to accompany what is little more than an ingenious short story. The entire presentation is encapsulated in an accompanying hard-cover Artists's Book, and is subotted "An Illustrated Virtual-Reality Scenario. Not

But realized it is at the museum's Billy Rose Pavilion, where the virtual-reality client is invited to become Hitler's mistress, Eva Braun, in April 1945, awaiting the arrival of her aging lover, examiniog her feelings as she lies next to him; engaging in a form of oral sex; and eventually experiencing death by gunshot, while wondering if Hitler is really going to follow her into the beyond.

It's the texts to the show, carefully printed on black hangings meant to evoke columns of Nazi architecture, rather than the prints

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of children and Beardsley-like animals and figures with rampant penises, that tell the story.

This bizarre if imaginative presentation is obscene in more ways than one and leads the visitor to believe that it might have been devised in order to give offense and be publicized in a wave of protest. If this is the case, the museum has allowed itself to be sadly manipulated. After all, Roseo and deputy museum director Igal Zalmona must have known what reactions it would provoke. One wonders wby the museum's responsible officials did oot consider taking the reaction into account.

Had this presentation been made in a private gallery, one might have been able to confine one's objections to Rosen's asking Iews to imagine themselves performing a sex act with Hitler. But its present veoue is one of the most public in Israel and just one of many presectacoos in what purports to be the National Museum. Another current exhibition describes Jewish weddiog customs in Herat. Among its visitors are orthodox Jews, Holocaust survivors and former world

war servicemen.
The museum claims that "Live and Die as Eva Braum" is a way of dealing with the trauma of the Holocaust and points oot that Rosen himself is a child of survivors. Rosen's own personal catharsis, if any, aside, it's difficult to see how this show enables anyone else to grapple with the trauma, oot just of the Holocaust, but of the imprecedented carnage of the Second World War, effected by the will of a single man projected not only on his cohorts, but on an entire nation and many of its satraps.

The doctoring of other artists's illostrations is questionable too.

The works pirated by Rosen are in many cases stolen from a world of innocence and lend a deliberately fey, even fairytale atmosphere to the theme that is all the more shocking for having the illustrations perverted. Would Wilhelm Busch, the creator of Max and Moritz, not min in his grave on finding his characters press ganged into such an enterprise?

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The weakest objections to this show voiced so far are those that claim that it humanizes Adolf and Eva. But all too buman they were, just as Streicher, Kaltenbrunner, Eichmann, Goebbels et al were also human. That is the most frightening thing of all about inhumanity: it has always been perpetrated by humans. Eva's real story is an all too human one, represented at the museum by a travesty, even though Rosen, in his impeccably aesthetic presentation, succeeds in getting one to think about it.

I have for decades objected to the inclusion of Holocaust kitsch in the collection of Yad Vashem, where the only relevant and honest item: displayed are documentary sketches made on the spot by eyewithusses. For several decades indifferent painters and second-rate scurpious neve tried to inine sentimentality and sensationalism in connection with the Hoiceaust. Even abstract expressionism was empicyed. Happily, this trend has all but vanished.

Rosen's effort is undeniably a cut above such kitsch. A great deal of thought and professional technique has been put into it. But like much Holocaust painting, it trivializes the subject. The Nazis did indeed employ art, in a form of heroic socialist realism, to make their ideology palatable. The reality of Nazi art is still more powerful than any arty interpretation of it. Real art always transcends its subject matter.

Whatever the case, Rosen's cleverly designed Artists Book published in conjunction with the show renders its public exhibition of virtual reality virtually unnecessary. What's in a book is between author and private reader, who can choose to form his own opinion about it, free of any censorship, I'm against censorship but also against lapses of taste and the giving of oeedless offence.

If I were director of the Israel Museum, I'd have passed on this

one. Yet the visitor's book to this exhibition shows that together with those profoundly offended or upset by the presentation, there are many who found the jolt it gave them genuinely thought-provoking.

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"I think there's a tremendous interest in looking at the commercial and economic side of the equation and creating the kinds of conditions that would help support the peace process," Gadbow said.

American companies offer the region much in the way of infrastructure construction, tourism, transportation and product distributioo systems, to name just a few areas, Gadbow said, adding, The peace process will obviously bave to move forward in order for many of these ideas to be implemented. That doesn't mean the thinking has to stop.

Nablus native Hani Masri is another American coovinced of the viability and profitability of doing business in the region. At Doha, OPIC will announce that it is providing more than \$40m. in iovestmeot insurance for Masri's \$100m. fund for investing in businesses in the territories.

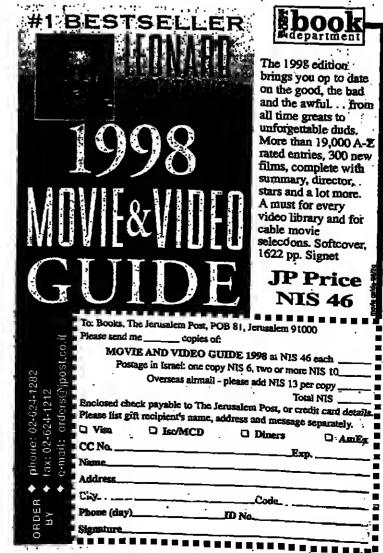
Masri, the head of Capital Investment Management Corporation of McLean, Virginia, was in Qatar last month and found businesspeople there interested in his veoture. He expects to gain addicional commitments at Doha.

"We will look at each project in business terms," Masri said of the capital venture, to be headquartered in Ramallah. "If it is feasible, if it will make money, we will invest. It'll be run as a business, oot a charity founda-

Masri is coovinced be can make money and belp his homeland at the same time. But be knows how difficult that can be. Every time he visits and travels between Israel and the territories or Jordan, he wastes precious hours when Israel insists he must travel on Palestinian travel documents. He usually has to call on the American Embassy in Tel Aviv to bail him out.

"From a purely business per-spective, it's very frustrating.... I feel the Netanyahn government hasn't done enough to alleviate the fears of the businessman who wants to go in and invest. The political conditions are not right.

... People think no one in his right mind would invest in the territories. But I know the area. I am basically an optimist that things will brighten up. They can't get worse."





MIDDLE ISRAEL

In 1992, when Yitzhak Rabin beat

Shimon Peres in our first primary election for any party's leadership.

the conventional wisdom was that

after 18 years of unfettered rivalry.

the former had once and for all done

away with his old nemesis.

Ultimately, however, Rabin contin-

ued to find his Siamese twin along-

side him: on the White House lawn

during the signing of the Oslo

Accords, in Stockholm while

receiving the Nobel Peace Prize,

and even during those last, heart-

breaking moments of his life on the

The same thing happened across the political divide when David

Levy, despite his dramatic defeat

by Binyamin Netanyahu, emerged

election of a prime minister, the

conventional wisdom was that the

new system had all but eradicated

Israel's time-bonored legacy of

coalition horse-trading. Gone - so

we all hoped — would also be the

self-inflicted besmirching, bicker-

ing and arm-twisting that accompa-

By MOSHE KOHN

The Arabs' bundred-year war

pattern: the defeated aggressor sucs

to be compensated for his losses,

A fresh reminder of this is the

Nabil Helmi, professor of law at

Zagazig University, to sue Israel

for the repayment of what he

claims is a 34-century-old debt the

I hope that this time, too, the

courts and the rest of the world rec-

ognize the validity of the suit, giv-

The alleged debt is the gold and

ing us an opportunity to respond.

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they demanded that they leave the

This is the story, as related in Cairo's semi-official, English-

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COLUMNS

Planet of the apes

nied the work of almost every Israeli cabinet since the twilight of David Ben-Gurion's reign in the early 1960s.

In reality, however, Netanyahu ended up assembling a tiringly familiar coalition-based cabinet, where a host of unholy bedfel-You can change a syslows received the same old hartem," Winston Churchill once said, "but you can't change a penple." Indeed, the more lot's pay which figured prominently in the elaborate propagan-da that accompanied the cam-Israel tries to change its politics, paign for direct election. the more it seems to stay the same.

Meanwhile, legislators who were elected through party primaries have so far failed to behave like locally minded messengers of their respective constituencies. Instead, theirs remains an agenda dominated by the broad issues of peace and security, matters on which they are usually no better equipped to pass judgment than you or l.

Similarly, the Likud's party gatherings also remained - despite the ostensibly new politics heralded by the age of direct election - the same old orgies of conceit, deceit, power-grabbing and back-stabbing which they have been throughout the post-Menachem Begin era.

And yet this week's chilling scenes of naked machismo, ideological limbo and institutional degeneration at the ruling party's convention present a severe escalation in our already intolerably deformed public affairs.

POLITICS, TO be sure, isn't necessarily - or even ideally - a philosophical debate club. Power and sociology naturally play roles of their own, alongside ideology. A

politician who is insufficiently power hungry will seldom make it to the top. And a durable, effective constituency is likely to be founded on such common denominators as income, profession, ethnicity or

locality.

Europe's early-modern parties pitted the traditionalism of provincial landowners and clergymen against the liberalism of bourgeois bankers, industrialists and professinnals. Later, as the Industrial Revolution created new social problems, the low-wage earners generated their own organizations. These divisions preceded the Right, Left and Center which have been dominating Western politics for the past half century. In Israel, the Right used to resem-

ble its European and American counterparts. Most industrialists belonged to the Progressive Party, which later became the Liberal Party, and waved the banner of free enterprise at the height of Israel's socialist era. On the Right's other end, the Herut party - which also had its share of wealthy industrialists such as the late Ya'acov Meridor - represented an ideological hard core which basked in Irgun nostalgia, yearned for a terriionally grand Israel, and offered a traditionalist alternative to the

Left's universalism. However, in a typically Israeli twist of events, this conservative cocktail of capitalists and nationalists was later heavily peppered with populists. Gradually, big business abandoned the Right - which ostensibly looked after its interests

of David Levy - and switched to Labor, which ostensibly shielded the working classes but in reality represented the middle classes.

Meanwhile, the Likud repeatedly caught a socially aloof Labor off guard, first by co-opting young non-Ashkenazi talents who had been rejected by Labor's elitist establishment, then by allowing broad party forums rather than small committees, in elect its parliamentary candidates.

And so, for the 15 years that followed its rise to power in 1977, the Likud efficiently offered Israel's disenfranchised the political haven they had craved during decades of Labor domination

Since then, however, the Likud's

caucus-based elections have degenerated into a celebration of comption. The mob which constituted the Likud's convention this week was no longer that finely measured combination of workers, ideologues and business leaders which Menachem Begin painstakingly assembled during his three decades as leader of the opposition. Rather, it was dominated by anonymous, hand-picked small-business owners who were promised political booty in return for obedient voting according to Avigdor

"Rasputin" Lieberman's dictates. That formula, rather than correspond with a Rightist, Leftist or Centrist party base, early resembles the way Fascist parties wrested power from the people and handed it over to hoodlums.

If, to paraphrase Yitzhak Shamir,

but in reality pandered to the likes the sea is the same sea and the Arabs are the same Arabs, then the Likud's hacks are the same beckling, spitting, fist-waving, chairthrowing, microphone-grabbing riffraff we have come to know so well over the years.

Surely, it would be absurd to search for the likes of John Locke, Thomas Jefferson, Ze'ev Jabotinsky or Berl Katznelson in that assembly of thugs, whose supreme cultural experience is the joining of throats in a staccato "Bibi, Bibi" ovation, and whose ultimate casus belli is some redundant, taxpayer-funded job in a godforsaken municipality, state company, or religious council. But even on that planet of apes it wouldn't be too much — or so we used to think — to expect some healthy political survival instinct. Instead, our ruling party's hard core has now demonstrated that its motto is "What's in

it for me?" This week's events echo the same unabashed materialism and ideo-Ingical degeneration Likudniks like to associate with Laborites. Yet the delegates who booed Limor Livnat's admirable cry in the wilderness - to focus on the greater-Israel tenets which are theoretically dear to them - will ultimately realize how right she was. Unfortunately for them, that realization will come after an ideologically charged, socially cohesive and emotionally enthusiastic Shas will have sunk its teeth even deeper into the Likud's dangling flesh and depleted bones, come the next elections.

SHABBAT SHALOM

Seeing beyond blind faith

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Parshat

"Lay not your hand upon the lad, neither do anything to him..." (Gen. 22:12)

By SHLOMO RISKIN

Two years have passed since the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin by a student who called himself religious. What can we learn - and has

Israel learned – from the crime? Every positive cultural expression can also be manifested in a negative fashion. Indeed, the greater the power for good, the greater the possibility for evil. The commitment to an ideal - or a religious philosopby - can produce a Mother Teresa or an Adolf Hitler, depending on how the ideal is defined.

Abraham was the first proponent of ethical monotheism, one of the greatest forces for good the world has ever known. Concepts of justice, compassion, unity and peace all emanate from the doctrine of a God of consummate compassion and loving-kindness. But it must be remembered that Abraham emerged from a world view of paganism that included the sacrifice of one's children to a blood-

thirsty idol. Within the madness of Molochworship lurked a frightening truth: if someone is willing to do something absolutely, there can be no holding back. Molochism could be identified as the philosophy behind all forms of absolutism that do not shy away from death in the name of the deity, such as Jim Jones and David Koresh.

Abraham represents the transition from the paganism of Moloch to the monotheism of the One God whose compassion would never ask for such a twisted form of sacrifice. But inherent in the nature of the Godsystem Abraham discovered was a blinding problem: did not ethical monotheism also demand total commitment? Might not the Abrahamic God also require the sacrifice of a child? As one of the most important medieval commentaries, Joseph Ibn Kaspi, understands it, this new lesson is precisely the message of the Akeda.

Abraham's faith was faced with a paradox. Most likely, the Patriarch thought that his love for God and his love for Iszac were mutually exclusive, that "an absolutist" God demands exclusive loyalty. And if the Akeda - the Binding of Isaac represents the birth of Judaism, it teaches that our faith is based on a youth "saved" from being sacrificed, as opposed to any other religion which claims that sacrifice is a necessary part of its matrix. The key to Judaism is the teaching that Isaac need not aetually be sacrificed to validate his commitment.

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to love. It is ultimately love for God which validates love for spouse, love for children, love for nation and love for the world. Hence, at least as Rashi understands it, God commands Abraham to take his son and merely "bringhim up" to Mount Moriah to pray. Abraham misunderstands, and perhaps the Almighty purposely wanted Abraham to misunderstand, so

teach all subsequent generations that He deplores the death of innocent people. Amazingly, the struggle between Molochism and monotheism still exists. There is probably no better! tool than religious worship to make us more compassionate and sensi-

that the Almighty could then pre-

sent the countermanding order, to

tive to the needs of the human family, but countless millions have been killed in wars waged by peo ple desperate to show how great is their love for God. Without a quiver of guilt, the sui-

cide bombers of Hamas kill innocent people, convinced that this is what Allah wants from them.

The absolutism of any fanatie is idealism gone awry. Is not Yigal? Amir an example of an idealistic person twisted by the blind conviction that he alone possessed Truth? The binding of Isaac teaches us

that God doesn't want us to destroy life. God wants us to preserve life. Our Torah is "paths of pleasantness whose roads lead to peace." Our God wishes an end to destruction, and a period when "nation will not lift up sword against nation and bumanity will not learn war any-

Israel has experienced six wars in its barely five decades. Israeli politics bas been marked by extremist rhetorie, as demonstrators called Menachem Begin a murderer during the Lebanon War and Yitzhak Rabin a traitor during the Oslo agreements. The Right and the Left have set themselves up as the arbiters of absolute truth, totally delegitimizing the other and drowning out dialogue. Israel has behaved much like a precocious adolescent, seeing issues in blacks and whites, casting aside consensus and compromise for the sake of

The binding took place on the spot of the Temple Mount, the locus from where Jewish law would emanate to all the world. And the Talmud insists that Jewish law must be adjudicated not in absolutist, let-the-law-piercethrough-the-mountain-and-thesparks-fall-where-they-may manner, but through mediation and arbitration (B.T. Sanhedrin 6).

After the assassination of John F. Kennedy, one of the great musicians of the era said: "We think we will never smile again. We will smile, and we'll even laugh. But we'll never be young again." I would like to believe that post-assassination in Israel, a more mature and unified nation has emerged from the trauma of tragedy - a nation that desires peace with the Palestinians and is also committed to the settlements; a nation which holds on to the olive branch but demands security guarantees. Such a policy will, at the very least, reflect a consensus with- ! in Israel - for there can never be peace without unless there is first peace within.

The Binding of Isaac taught the true message of Judaism to the world: a message of life over death, understanding over ignorance, a unified peace rather than an abso-

Shabbat Shalom

'The biggest robbery in history'

Egyptians took a liking to their Swiss banks. Jewish slaves and granted their request for the loan of their (the Egyptians') gold and silver objects and elothes (Exodus 12:35-36).

This was in keeping with God's earlier promise and instructions to Moses (Exodus 3:21-22 and 11:2-3) and His promise to Patriarch Abraham (Genesis 15:14).

Helmi said the borrowed objects "appear never to have been returned," and that "the government of the modern Hebrew state should make good the debt - plus accumulated interest."

He said the cited passages from the Torah "provide ample proof of intention of an Egyptian lawyer, the robbery which the ancient Israelites committed, the biggest robbery in history."

With interest compounded annually at 5%, Helmi estimated, today's value of our debt to Egypt is nine million tons of gold. The Torah does not state the value of the Jews' borrowings, and Helmi did not explain how he arrived at

He said the statute of limitations should not apply here, because "This is a historical case, and Egyptian rights cannot be forfeited."

According to AAW, the idea of sning "was the brainchild of the Egyptian community in Switzerland," in reaction to Israel's laying claim to the Holocaust victims' unclaimed money and other assets lying in

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Helmi said they had not yet decided whether to file the suit in Egypt or Switzerland. "The case needs

additional preparation," he said. AAW reports that legal experts "are confident that Helmi's chances are nil," and that he himself "is aware that the lawsuit, in all probability, will be thrown out of court. But he believes the case has more than just symbolic value."

He said: "The Israelis appeal to the Old Testament in laying claim to the ownership of Palestine, describing it as the Promised Land. So we are appealing to the same source to prove our long-lost rights. If the court quashes our lawsuit on the grounds that verses in the Bible cannot serve as legal documents, then the same principle should apply to the question of the Promised Land."

AS I SAID, I hope the suit goes to court, whether in Egypt, Switzerland, or at the International Court of Justice in the Hague.

We will then be able to respond as our advocate responded when the Egyptians similarly sued our ancestors before Alexander the Great in 331 BCE, during his visit to Eretz Yisrael on his path of world conquest. At the same time, a delegation of "Palestinian expatriates," the Girgashites, and a pan-Arab delegation, the Ishmaelites, also came to Alexander to demand

justice. All based their claims on the Torab.

That advocate was one Geviha ben Pessisa, a bumble hunehback, who volunteered for the task when no one else was ready to do so. After refuting the claims of the Girgashites and the Ishmaelites, with Alexander ruling for the Jews in both cases, Geviha turned to the Egyptians' claim.

He conceded the justice of their claim, with one stipulation: In light of Exodus 12:40, which states that the Jews served the Egyptians as slaves for 430 years, let them calculate how much they owe the Jews for the free labor of 600,000 able-bodied males, and let us see how the two debts balance out.

The Egyptians agreed, calculated, and found that at the going rate of one dinar a day, Egypt would be bankrupt upon payment of the first 100 years' wages. And they withdrew their suit.

Since Helmi, too, is basing his claim on the Torah, let him calculate how much Egypt, in turn, owes the Jews for 430 years of the labor of 600,000 slaves plus compound interest at an annual 5%.

Incidentally, Helmi has over-looked the fact that shortly after that borrowing, the Egyptians demanded that the Jews leave the country without delay, forgetting to ask for the return of the loan

(Exodus 12:30-33). (Thanks to Dr. Joseph Lerner Ahram Weekly story. The Alexander/Geviha legend appears in several variations in Megillat Taanit, chopter 3, Sanhedrin 910, Bereshit Rabba 61:7, Yerushalmi Shevi'it 6:1.) IT IS interesting to note the Koran's treatment of the Exodus story.

of Jerusalem, codirector of

Review & Analysis, for the Al-

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Allah tells Mohammed. "We afflicted Pharaoh's people with dearth and famine so they might take heed. When good things came their way, they said: 'It is our due,' but when evil befell them they ascribed it to Moses and his copie... We plagued them with floods and locusts, with lice and

frogs and blood: clear miracles, yet they scorned them all, for they are a wicked nation... We took veogeance on them and drowned them in the sea, for they denied Our signs and gave no heed to them...and We destroyed the edifices and the towers of Pharaoh and his people..." (The Koran, Sura 7, "The Heights," Dawood

translation, Penguin 1990). As for the Promised Land, the Koran relates: "We settled the Israelites in a blessed land... Then We said to the Israelites: 'Dwell in this land..." (Suras 10 and 18). E-mail comments moshe@jpost.to.il.

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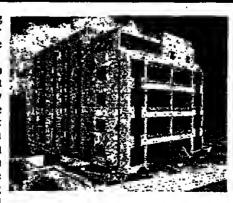
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their own willingness to put aside the politics of the past. But it does

reflect a very profound concem with the policy of the Israeli gov-

ernment as they see it.

I also think that Israel has been perhaps the chief beneficiary, economically, of the peace process.

The Arab boycott has been largely eviscented. Israel is oneo to the

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products as oever before ... and as

Israel integrates more with the

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relationship between the peace

process and the economic policies,

and they can't be divorced ... And

if the peace process stalls, it is to everyone's disadvantage, includ-ing Israel's, economically as well

What message will you and sec-retaries Albright and Daley be

projecting to promote the

American business agenda with

First, ... in their own internal economic policies, it is important that they privatize their economies, that they allow more

open investment and trade, ... that

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The word from Washington

TS Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs Stuart Eizenstat persists in promoting the Doha conference as a business opportunity, best left unlinked to the peace process or other political developments. Of those states which are boycotting for political reasons, be says bluntly: It's their loss.

What do you forecast for the upcoming Doha economic conference, in light of the difficulties in the peace process - particularly the decision by last year's host,

Egypt, not to attend?
Obviously, this has oot been an easy year to put the conference together because of the difficulties in the peace process. But what we've stressed is that this is not a reward to any country. It's an opportunity to try to enhance trade opportunities in a region that only does 7 percent of all its trading amongst its members, one of the lowest percentages of anywhere in the world.

Obviously, the peace process is not where we want it to be, but more than 750 businesspeople and 400 officials from 35 countries will attend. [They] are going to benefit from a unique opportunity of public-private sector networking and looking at investment opportunities in this part of the

Those that don't attend will suffer the loss by indicating that they're falling back into old modes of thinking in terms of tying eco-oomic issues to political issues.

You were just in the region. What messages did you take back

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be drunk (9)

Guard (8)

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22 The snow-line? (5)

mistake (3.4)

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Those who don't attend Doha will suffer the loss,

US Undersecretary of State for **Economic Affairs Stuart Eizenstat** tells Hillel Kuttler

from the Arab countries on the difficulties they saw in holding the conference in this political

The Jordanians with wbom I met were guog-ho to go forward, and

The Egyptians were already at that point of tying it to progress in the peace process. And I think with the lack of progress over the last several weeks, it fit into what they were saying in the region. And the same with the Palestinians. So come of this is a surprise, but we're obviously disappointed by Egypt's decision not

Two of the three previous hosts of the summit, Morocco and Egypt, will not be there. What kind of message does that send? They, obviously, intended to

send a message of displeasure with the status of the peace process. That's what they've said publicly, and that's what they were telling us privately. We've argued very strenuously that this is not the way to show their displeasure, but they told us they feel they have very few instruments.

This is oot helpful to their own ecocomies, to their own image in terms of investment opportunities,

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30 Lack of generosity gave sharp pain to one head (10)

DOWN

2 Among men, a remarkable Greek leader (9)

3 Regret having taken head

4 Club found in weapon store

1 Big bag of plunder (4)

off bird (5)

28 Pronounce complete (5)

painfully manipulative (9)

sector investment and trade. like intellectual property rights protec-

Second that we go after and attack the structural barriers to trade in the region, which have nothing to do with the peace process or with Arab-Israel trade.

The grond regional projects highlighted at the Amman summit, with visions of integrating economies - what has happened

We have worked very hard on that. That's one of the things I did when I was in Israel and Jordan, I talked with [Infrastructure] Minister [Ariel] Sharon wheo I was there. I've talked with him again just within the past few weeks. We've got the Akaba-Eilat airport that's had its first flights, which is very positive. We have pushed very hard for concrete Jordan Rift Valley projects.

We are also trying to push things for the Palestinians. We are trying to push a development fund for [Overseas Private Investment Corporation] there. We're trying to push for a Gaza industrial, duty-free estate which would employ 20,000 Palestin-

We're trying to do the same thing in Jordan, at Irbid. We're also pressing hard on the Egypt-Israel so-called peace [gas]

pipeline. And while that has certainly slowed, it's by oo means over. And Minister Sharoo deserves a lot of credit for cutting a lot of red tape on the Israeli side and moving things very nicely there, and now we need to get more movement on the Egyptian side.

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AND THEN - SUDDENLY.

L'expression personnelle

OUT OF THE BLUE ..

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The key, Arab and Israeli businesspeople say, is discretion. The joint ventures in Jordan have never been publicized in the kingdom. Eizenstat's visit to Jordan was covered by the media, but where he toured was not publicized.

"We are oot ready for this kind of poblicity," a Jordanian investor in the project says. "Despite the obvious beoefits to the Jordanian economy, we are always concerned that one person might throw a bomb at the factory and ruin everything."

So what significance would the ecocomic conference in Qatar

Arab and Israeli businesspeople call it an important forum. Its most important role would be to legitimize Israeli-Arab partner-ships. Arab businesspeople pre-dict that their colleagues will flock to Doha even if their governments boycott the conference.

Who would probably not show up in Doha? Abdeloour says be does not expect more than a handful of businesspeople from Lebanon and that probably oobody will attend from Syria. Both countries, be says, have chosen to boycott Israel even at the expense of burting their ecocomies.

For example, he says, despite the lifting of the US travel ban on Lebanoo, Beirut has not attracted any major American iovestmeot

There are some Lebanese who want to make money but every time that it is related to Jews, they freak out," Abdeloour says.

Who would be expected to show up in Doba? Abdelnour and other Arab investors say that despite Egypt's official boycott, the conference will likely be attended by leading Egyptian businesspeople, possibly eveo President Hosni Mubarak's son.

The gathering is also expected to be flooded by busioesspeople from the Gulf, from such countries as Kuwait, Qatar, Oman and Bahrain, as well as some leading Saudi industrialists. Israeli officials agree with these assessments. They say

business relations are expanding with several Gulf countries, particularly Qatar. In addition to importing Israeli goods, Qatar is considering joint

projects with Israel in infrastrucnire and energy development.

"Kowait and Bahrain are defi-

nitely the most open and Westernized," Abdelnour says. "Yoo will see them as well as people from all over the Gulf. You will see Saudis. I saw them at previous conferences and the numbers keep increasii

"You're going to see the international players. You're going to see people who are so big they don't give a damn about their governments. They just want to make a bock. The small local players stay at home."

Indeed, Israeli businesspeople and some diplomats agree that the ooly damper on growing trade with the Arab world is government bureaucracy. They say the Indostry and Trade Ministry has been slow to lift restrictions that could dramatically boost ties with the Arab world.

For example, in June, the ministry refused a plea from the Federatioo of Chambers of Commerce to lift a ban on imports from Gulf states. Officials explained that socb a move would require reciprocity while Israeli businesspeople argued that the Arab countries may quietly follow suit once a precedent was set.

Businesspeople blame government bureaucracy for the ditcbing of a buge oil deal that was offered to Israel. Again, Israeli officials demanded immediate reciprocity while the Arab busioesspersoo iosisted that this could take place only afterwards. Security considerations have beeo perbaps ao eveo greater barrier to trade with Arab indus-

trialists. More than a few Arab busioesspeople have complained of being so badly treated at Ben-Gurioo Airport and at other crossing points that they decided that Israel was not worthy of their money. Not only did they leave Israel without signing a contract, but some left hurt, angry and determined never to return.

Take the Gulf prioce who arrived during the past year ready to negotiate a billion dollars worth of arms deals. He was delayed at the airport for more than two hours of interrogation. despite a waiting government escort and recommendation from a diplomat.

After pleading in vain with security officers by explaining he was a VIP, the prince gave up and took the next plane out of Israel.

"The interest is there," an Arab investor says. "The potential is there. But I've seen more than once where Israeli shortsightedoess and arrogance have ruined what could have been a wonderful deal. With all of your security problems, if you can't distinguish between a terrorist and a prominent businessman, theo you're going to lose business."

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A taste of Canada: Dick Bellis-Skil Q'uas performs a traditional Haida Indian dance as Tel Aviv mayor Ronni Milo and Canadian ambassador David Berger look on.

Canadians carve out their territory

year to carve a totem pole, Canadian Haida Indian Dick Bellis-Skil O'uas took a record four months to carve the totem pole to meet the deadline for the opening of the "Taste of Canada" exhibition at the Tel Aviv Sheraton. Carved from a west Canadian 3,000-year-old red cedar tree which was cut down five years ago, the totem pole includes a oumber of symbols. At the bottom is a combined figure of a grizzly bear and a killer whale, the creatures most feared by the Haida people. Haida custom designates that a woman wash out the evil spirit from the totem pole each time it is put up in a new location. The honor on this occasion fell to Wendy Geri, the botel's public relations manager. Bellis then performed an Indian ceremonial dance, after which the pole was boisted into place by Tel Aviv mayor Rouni Milo, Canadian ambassador David Berger, Sheraton general manager Tom Haggerty, and Ted Reader, exec-utive chef for President's Choice, the private label brand of food products from Canada sold in the

Greeoberg chain of supermarkets. The ceremony will have to be repeated when the totem pole is relocated in David Azrieli's oewest shopping mall. The entre-

preneurial architect who Canada and Israel wants to put a more visible Canadian stamp on his next Israeli venture.

PARTICIPANTS in the Foreign Ministry's twoweek seminar on Changes in Diplomacy Towards the 21st Century, young diplomats from 30 countries. visited Yitzhak Rabin's grave as part of their program. What was not

included was a wreathlaying ceremony. But the junior dips were so keen to pay tribute to the late prime minister that they purchased their own wreath and delegated Ada de Asis Hernandes of the Dominican Republic and Eduardo Enrique Reina of

a great deal of fun at a folklore native songs and dances. Tashi Tsering, a second-generation diplomat whose father is the foreign minister of Bbutan, wore his national costume and wagered that he could get into the Guinness Book of Records for wearing the garment with the most pockets. But then again, so could everyone else from Bbutan. The most meaningful performance was that given by Michelle Joanne Javorcikova of Slovakia and Pavel Kafka of the Czech Republic. Considering. that they represent the two partitions of what was once one couotry, their (bi)national folkdance was a charming example of true

lthough be usually takes a Shimon Peres moves. Peres was among 1,000 guests this week at the wedding of popular singer Zehava Ben to Hapoel Hod Hasharoo soccer player. Assaf Rosen, which took place at Gan Oranim in Tel Aviv. It's one of many entertainment-world wed-dings which he's attended. Among the other political figures present were Labor chairman Ehud Barak and Ahmed Tibi, adviser to Yasser Arafat. Entertainment personalities included Rivka Michaeli, Hofni Cohen, Eli Louzon, Margalit Tzan'ani, Einat Ehrlich and Zvika Pik. Most of the singers attending were the leading exponents of Middle Eastern music. For the bride, there was double cause for celebration. It was also her 29th birthday. While most brides stick with only one gown for the evening, Ben changed her dress three times. The newlyweds, who are currently residing in a repted apartment in Ramat Gan, will soon move to their own home in Hod Hasharon.

> THERE are some Hebrew University alumni among the members of the HU's International Board of Governors, but the board had never really met alumni en masse until this week during the special meeting to kick off the university's \$600 million fund-raising

campaign. Law faculprominent at the special gathering at the Maiersdorf Faculty Major Geogral Uzi

Club. Small wonder, since 12 of the 14 Supreme Court judges are HU graduates. But there were also alumni from many other disciplines, including Dayan, OC Central Command, who graduated in mathematics and physics; and poptelevisioo

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anchorman Chaim Yavin, who confessed to not having been a particularly diligent student when he studied bumanities, education and communication some 40 years ago. Also present was MK Naomi Chazan, an expert in African studies. One of HU's more impressive recent graduates is Nir Barcket who, with two fellow alumni, set up BRM, a high-tech company which developed the first antivirus solution for computers whenthey were still students. Naturally, they scored the Hebrew University as their first customer. Now a multimillion-dollar company with highly profitable subsidiaries, BRM is interested in giving something back to the university. It also draws on HU resources for its manpower.

ROMANTIC comedies appear to be in vogue. Currently negotiating for lead roles in two productions in this genre are actor/producer/director Kevin Costner. who's angling for Message in a Bottle based on a novel about a search for true love; and Demi Moore, who bopes to star io Human Seeking Same, an interracial romantic comedy.

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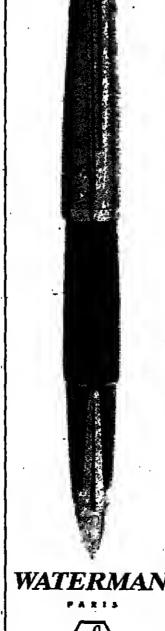
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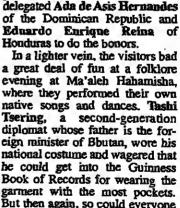
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Later last night, Mordechai and US Secretary of Defense William Cohen spoke on the hot line set up between the Defense Ministry and the Pentagon. Officials in Mordechai's office said the two spoke of Mordechai's visit to the US last week and the upcoming visit to Israel by Cohen - "and other running matters," one official said, with the assumption being that Iraq was the main topic. Butler declined to speculate on

how the absence of the inspectors would facilitate lraq's weapons development. The fact is that every day that has passed since the October 29 announcement by Iraq [barring the inspectors] has harmed our monitoring effort, and certainly the absence of inspections has been a matter of most serious con-

cem," he said. Butler also said he had authorized high-altitude reconnaissance flights over lraq, although Baghdad had demanded that they be helted. He did not indicate when the surveillance flights

would commence. "It is my hope and expectation that we will get through this crists and get on with our work," Butler

Iraq had warned on Wednesday that it would expel the Americans if the Security Council voted to condemn Baghdad for refusing to cooperate with UN arms-inspection teams. That resolution passed unanimously, although it contained no suggestion of military

Egypt, which is a member of the Security Council, yesterday apparently failed to work out e compromise with Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tarik Aziz, who was in New York.

The council was reconvening late yesterday under an increasingly tense atmosphere. US Amhassador Richardson applauded Butler's decision not to divide the inspectors by nationali-

ty, and called the Iraqi action "out-

some serious consequences,

Richardson said before the coun-

I think there are going to be

rageous and irresponsible."

cil meeting. He called on Iraq to guarantee the safety of the inspectors who remain behind. There are some 40 inspectors, six of whom ere Americans. A Chilean contingent will remain in Baghdad to monitor equipment and maintain the UN

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Hawks stop Pacers; Bulls lose again Netarya and Coar Mana and Coar

Dikembe Mutombo scored 25 points, Steve Smith had 21 and the Atlanta Hawks improved to 8-0 for the best start in franchise history as they beat the Indiana Pacers 89-86 Wednesday night.

Mookie Blaylock added 18 points, including a basket and a free throw in the last 10 seconds. Smith had a basket and three free throws in the last two minutes.

Travis Best had an open 3-point attempt from the left side with 0.8 seconds left, but it rimmed out. He was taking the final shot because Reggie Miller, who scored 30 points, fouled out with 1:21 to play. lt was just his second disqualification in the past three seasons.

Wizards 90, Bulls 83 In Chicago, the struggling Bulls lost their fourth game – something that didn't happen until Dec. 26 last year — as Chris Webber ied a second-half surge that carried Washington to victory.
Webber scored 8 of his 17 points

during a 12-2 second-half run and drew a technical foul against Dennis Rodman that precipitated a game-clinching 5-0 run. Washington held Chicago to 30 second-half points. Michael Jordan scored 28 points hut was only 10-of-28 from the floor.

Juwan Howard had 18 points and Rod Strickland 17 for the Wizards. Celtics 96, Nuggets 86 In Boston, Antoine Walker had 19 points and 12 rebounds and Boston won for the first time since opening

Ron Mercer added 16 points, including eight in the fourth quarter. and Travis Knight had 17 - two shy

of his career-high, Kings 115, Magic 89 In Orlando, Mitch Richmond scored 25 points and Sacramento won on the road for the first time

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf added 20 for the Kiogs, who placed six players in double figures and reached 100 points for the first time this season. Derek Strong had 17 points off the bench for the Magic, who shot only 41 percent.

Knicks 93, Raptors 70

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NFL Individual Leaders



CLOSE ENCOUNTER - Atlanta Hawks guard Steve Smith squares off against defending Indiana

Pacers guard Reggie Miller in Indianapolis. Atlanta won 89-86. 27 points, more than twice his season average, and New York coasted

past Toronto. Johnson, who apologized to his teammates for his poor shooting in a loss at Sacramento last Sunday, scored 16 points in the first half on 8-of-11 shooting as the Knicks, who were up by as many as 20 points in the second quarter, opened a 50-35

lead at the break. Patrick Ewing had 17 points and eight rebounds and Chris Dudley had 11 points and a game-high 11

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76ers 114, Rockets 100 In Houston, Philadelphia rallied

In Toronto, Larry Johnson scored behind 26 points and 15 assists by Alleo Iverson and held off a thirdquarter Houston comeback for its

> first victory of the season. After trailing most of the game, the Rockets finally huilt a 90-84 lead with 10:45 to play in the game but the 76ers (1-5) didn't fold. Houston got only two more field goals the rest of the game and the 76ers outscored the Rockets 17-4 for a 101-94 lead with 5:46 to play.

> Jazz 98, Grizzlies 80 In Salt Lake City, Karl Malone scored 26 points and Jeff Homacek added 19 as Utah denied Vancouver their first three-game winning streak

in franchise history. Suns 103, Bucks 95 In Phoenix, Cliff Robinson had his best game yet as a member of the Suns, scoring 21 points to lead the Suns over Milwaukee.

Rex Chapman also scored 21 points and Jason Kidd had 16 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists. Glenn Robinson led Milwaukee

with 31 points and Ervin Johnson added 16. Pistons 102, Warriors 71

In Oakland, California, Lindsey Hunter scored 22 points and Brian Williams added 19 as Detroit broke a five-game losing streak by defeating winless Golden State.

NBA Box Scores

Denver 24 27 18 15—86
Boston 20 23 29 24—96
DENVER (88) Battie 7-8 0-0 14, Newman 3-11
4-4 10, Garrett 3-7 5-6 11, Jackson 1-6 4-4 8,
Sunt 2-8 5-6 8. Goldwire 1-4 3-4 5, Fortson 4-7 1-4 9, Washington 4-8 3-4 13, Elis 4-8 1-1 9. Total:
29-69 6-53 96,
BOSTON (96) McCarty 4-10 4-4 13, Waster 4-15 10-11 18, Knight 7-15 2-2 17, Billups 2-8 4-4
8, Mercer 8-18 0-0 18, Bowen 3-7 2-4 8, Edney 1-4
2-2 4, Elison 1-2 0-0 2, DeClercq 0-2 0-0 0,
Totals 34-91 24-27 96,
3-Point goals—Denver 2-13 (Wc.shington 2-4
Elis 0-1, Goldwire 0-1, Newman 0-2, Jackson 0-2, Stifth 0-3), Boston 4-13 (Bowen 1-1, McCarty 1-1, Waster 1-1, Knight 1-5, Brown 0-1, Billups 0-4), Fouled out—None, Rebounds—Denver 58
Genrett 13), Boston 48 (Walker 0-1), Boston 23
Denver 10 (Newman, Jackson 5), Boston 23

Atlentia 24 22 19 24—88 Indiana 22 16 28 21—86 ATLANTA (89) Corbin 3-8 0-0 6, Laetiner 3-3 1-2 7, Mulcribo 12-18 1-2 25, Sinith 8-17 3-4 21, Braylot 7-16 2-3 18, Lymgston 0-0 0-0 0, Henderson 4-7 1-2 8, Brown 1-5 0-0 2, Gray 0-0 1-2 1, Totals 58-72 9-15 89.

NDIANA (86) Multin 2-7 2-2 8, DiDavis 2-6 1-2 5, Smits 9-17 3-4 21, Miner 10-15 6-5 30, Jackson 1-5 1-2 3, Albays 2-2 1-2 5, Best 1-7 2-2 4, Rose 4-11 4-4 12, Pope 0-0 0-00. Totals 31-70 20-24 88, 3-Pokt goets—Atlanta 4-6 (Smith 2-4, Blaylock 2-4), Indiana 4-11, (Miller 4-5, Multin 0-1, Jackson 0-1, Rose 0-1, Best 0-3), Focier out—Indiana, Miller Rebounds—Atlanta 49 (Multombo 15), Indiana 3-4 (DiDavis 11). Assists—Atlanta 21 (Blaylock 9), Indiana, Best, Illagal delanse. A—13,400

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NEW YORK (93) Johnson 12-20 3-3 27, Cadey
2-6 1-2 5, Ewing 7-13 3-3 17, Houston 4-10 4-4
12, Ward 2-4 0-0 4, Dudley 3-7 4-6 10, Starks 411 0-0 11, Childs 0-1 1-1 1, Mills 2-8 0-2 4, Myers
1-1 0-0 2, Totals 37-81 16-21 93.
TORONTO (70) Williams 4-18 1-2 11,
Camby 3-9 2-2 6, Tabak 4-6 0-8, Chinste 3-13
2-2 9, Stoudernice 5-13 0-0 10, Jones 1-8 1-1 3,
Wallope 5-10 3-4 13, Starks 2-4-6 8, Garner 0-2
0-0 0, Resper 0-2 0-0 0, Stokes 0-0 0-0 0. Totals
27-81 13-17 70.
3-Point goals—New York 3-13 |Starks 3-6, Ward
0-1, Childs 0-1, Mills 0-2), Toronto 3-14
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Stoudernice 0-2), Fouled out—None, Rebounds—New York 82 (Dudley 11), Toronto 45 (Jones 7).
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7 6. E.Dena 1-3 2-3 5. Johnson 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 36-81 21-30 100.
S-Point goals—Philadelphia 3-9 (Iverson 2-5.
Stackhouse 1-3. Jackson 0-1), Houston 7-18
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Thorpe 2-7 0-0 4, Reeves 7-13 1-2 15, Poeler 2-4 0-0 4, Daniels 3-10 2-4 9, Edwards 2-8 0-0 4,
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Mack 5-6 0-0 13, Totals 33-78 10-17 80.
UTAH (98) Keele 2-4 0-0 4, Malone 9-17 8-8
26, Foster 5-6 0-0 10, Homacek 6-16 0-0 18,
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Daniels 1-1, Peoler 0-1, Mayberry 0-2, Edwards
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15, Brandon 5-13 0-0 10, Allen 5-15 3-3 14,
Curry 1-5 0-0 2, Gilham 0-3 0-0 0, Perry 3-4 0-0
8, Felick 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 41-82 12-13 85,
PHOENIX (103) Chapman 7-15 4-4 21,
McDycss 6-12 3-8 15, C.Robinson 6-18 5-8
21, Kidd 5-11 4-5 18, K.Johnson 2-6 4-4 8,
Manning 6-9 2-2 14, Wilkiam 2-3 0-1 4, Nash
2-5 0-0 4, Totals 39-78 22-28 103,
3-Point goals—Milwaukee 1-8 (Allen 1-4,
G.Robinson 0-2, Brandon 0-2), Phoenix 3-8
(Chapman 3-5, Kidd 0-1, K.Johnson 0-1, Nash
0-1). D-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 36
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Detroit 21 18 34 29—102
Golden State 21 14 20 16—71
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15, Hunter 9-15 2-3 22, Long 2-4 4-4 8, McKle 1-4 2-2 4, Pollard 1-4 6-7 8, J.Williams 2-5 3-7, Reid 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 35-73 29-35 102, GOLDEN STATE (71) Smith 8-12 2-4 14, Marshall 0-7 1-2 1, Dampuer 3-7 1-1 7, Snew 4-0 0-0 8, Coles 3-0 3-3 8, Spréwell 5-12 3-4 14, Spencer 1-1 0-2 2, Bogues 2-7 0-0 4, Ferrell 0-2 0-0 0, Foyle 2-4 0-1 4, Delk 3-7 0-0 6, Fulker 0-2 2-2 2, Totals 29-79 12-18 71, 3-Point goels—Detroit 3-5)Hunter 2-3, Sealy 1-1, Long 0-1), Golden State 1-9, [Sprewell 1-3, Marshall 0-2, Foyle 0-2, Coles 0-1, Sogues 0-11, Fouled out—None, Rebounds—Detroit 5-8 [8, Williams 8], J.Williams 9, Golden State 13, Golden State 13, Golden State 18 (Sprewell 5), Total fouls—Detroit 22, Golden State 24, Technical—Coles, A—10,629

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Wednesday's results: Boston 96. Denver 86; Atlanta 89, Indiana 86; Sacramento 115, Orlando 89; New York 93. Toronto 70; Washington 90, Chicago 83; Mikdelohin 114, Houston 100; Jian 98. Vancouver 86; Phoenix 103, Milwaukee 95; Detroit 102, Golden State 71.

Devils defeat Rangers on Richter's mistake

Goaltender Mike Richter misplayed Bobby Holik's long shot in the third period Wednesday night, giving the New Jersey Devils a 3-2 win over the New York Rangers.

The Devils led 2-1 when Holik unleashed a 62-foot shot from just over the blue line that beat Richter high on the stick side at

That shot, only one of three for the Devils in the third period, proved to be the winner as New York's Niklas Sundstrom scored his secood goal of the game less than two minutes later to pull the Rangers within a goal.

The Devils, who entered the game with the NHL's top defense and the NHL's top goaltender in Martin Brodeux, extended their winning streak to four games and are 10-0-0 this season when

leading after the second period. The loss io the first meeting this season between the metropolitan-area rivals, hroke a three-game unbeaten streak for

New York (1-0-2). Petr Sykora and Brian Rolston also scored for New Jersey.

Capitals 4, Penguins 1 In Pittshurgh, Adam Oates scored one goal and assisted oo two others in a four-goal second

period for Washington, Capitals goalie Olaf Kolzig lost his shutout with 58 seconds left in the third period when Jiri Slegr scored.

Islanders 2, Panthers 2, tie In Miami, Eric Fichaud stopped 37 shots and New York scored two goals in a 1:26 span

in the second period. Despite being ootshot 39-20, the Islanders salvaged a tie behind second-period goals by Travis Green and Robert

Reichel. New York had a potential game-winning goal waved off with 2:25 left in regulatioo. Green's hlast grazed the left post and was disallowed after being

reviewed. Florida also missed a chance to win in regulation when Johan Garpenlov missed an open net, flicking the puck off the crosshar with 24 seconds left.

Bruins 3, Stars 3, tie In Dallas, Ted Donato scored

with 41.5 seconds left after.

Boston pulled its goalie to tie it. Dallas took a 3-1 lead into the third period, but Ray Bourque's fifth goal of the season at 10:54 narrowed the Bruins' deficit. With goaltender Byron Dafoe

off the ice for a sixth attacker, the Bruins tied it when Donato popped a bouoeing puck off Stars defenseman Derian Hatcher and past goalie Ed Belfour.

Hurricanes 6, Oilers 4 In Edmontoo, Alberta, Sami Kapanen recorded his first career hat trick as Carolina extended Edmonton's seasoo-high winless streak to seven games.

Carolina's second straight win kicked off a three-game road trip in western Canada. Edmonton has lost five of nine home games this season.

Kapanen, a 1995 draft pick from Finland, scored twice in the second. period wheo the Hurricanes huilt a 4-2 lead.

Canucks 5, Sharks 2 In San Jose, California, Pavel Bure scored on a penalty shot, ignitiog a three-goal first period

as Vaneouver snapped its clubrecord 10-game losing streak.

Steve Staios, Trevor Linden, Jyrki Lumme and Mike Sillinger also scored for the Canueks, who won for the first time since a 5-1

victory over Dallas on Oct. 21. Goaltender Arturs Irbe, a former Shark, turned away 30 of 32 shots to help deny San Jose's hid for its first three-game winning streak in two years.

Canadiens 4, Mighty Ducks 3, OT

In Anaheim, California, Valeri Bure scored with 52 seconds left in overtime as Montreal won its

sixth straight game.

Vladimir Malakhov got the tying goal with 1:37 left in the third period, Martin Rucinsky extended his scoring streak to four games and Saku Koivu also scored for the Canadiens, whose winning streak is their loogest since October 1995.

Montreal goalie Jocelyn Thibault made 22 saves and ended Teemu Selanne's career-high 11game goal-scoring streak.

Joe Sacco scored on the first penalty shot in the Ducks' fiveyear history.

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Italy-Russia promises tension but few goals

By GIDEON LONG

ROME (Reuters) - If tomorrow's World Cup play-off between Italy and Russia ends in a tense 0-0 draw, no-one should be too suprised.

Firstly, that is all Italy need to qualify for the World Cup finals in France next year and when the Italians play in Naples they usually get what they want.

Secondly, Italy are suffering from a chronic goal drought while their

defence appears as strong as ever.

Three of their last five matches have ended 0-0 while the goal they conceded in the first leg match in Moscow two weeks ago was the first scored against them in over a year.

Thirdly, the history of Italy-Russia clashes is one of cagey, distrustful encounters where goals are as rare as Russian pizza or Italian

vodka. In only four of the 13 matches to date between Italy and Russia and between Italy and the old Soviet Union has either side managed to

score more than one goal. Their only previous clash in Naples - a European championship semifinal in 1968 - ended 0-0, with

Italy going through to the final after the sides drew lots. When the two teams met again in

the qualifiers for the 1992 champi-onship both matches again ended The Soviets always proved a

beadache for the Italians and were one of the few teams to boast a positive balance sheet from their headto-bead clashes.

In the 11 matches played before the collapse of the Soviet Union, the USSR won four while Italy won just twice.

The Italians have gone some wayto ammending that balance with a 2-1 win over a disappointing Russia side at Euro '96 but, as the Russians proved in Moscow last month, Cesare Maldini's side have no room for complecency in tomorrow's

But with so much at stake; Saturday's clash in front of a selfout 73,000 crowd in Naples will inevitably be another tight, tense

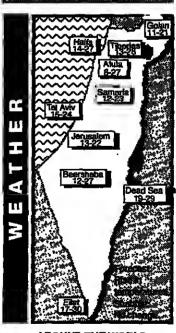
How the Italians respond will say much about Makini's footballing philosophy.

His side can either play for a victory which would silence his critics and delight a nation - or they can seek to add another 0-0 draw to their Soviet-Russian record book.

Winning numbers

In the weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were 11, 19, 22, 26, 43 and 46. The supplementary number was 1.





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Hawks win, **but Bulls** lose again

Sports Editors Joe Hoffman & Ori Lewis

WEATHER and CHANCE Local and international weather, as well as results of daily Chance and lottery drawings, now appear

on the inside back page.

Capital derby day dominates weekend soccer

By ORI LEWIS

Jerusalem derby day is upon us

One of the most colorful of local National League fixtures will, almost uniquely, be a clash between two sides high up in the standings.
The reds of Hapoel, in sixth place,

are hosts of the weekend's featured match. And although they have led the league this season (for the first time in 26 years), they will be the underdogs for the match against Betar, who have recovered from a mediocre start to the season, to climb into second place.

Hapoel's young lineup will miss veteran midfielder Michel Dayan, 36, who has almost become a club mascot. He is suspended.

Betar will take to the Teddy Stadium pitch tomorrow at 17:15 without several key players: The injured Eli Ohana, and Stefan Saloi and Yossi Abuksis who is suspended. Before the kickoff Hapoel will

honor some of their old-timers, who led the club to the capital's first soc-

led the club to the capital's first soccer trophy - the State Cup - in 1973, This weekend's national League fixtures (all matches kick off tenorrow miles stated):

Hapoel Perah Tikva v. Hapoel Kfar Sava, Petah Tikva 14:30; Hapoel Ashkelon v. Hapoel Beersheba, Ashkelon, today 14:00; Maccabi Herzifya v. Ironi Rishon Lezion, 16:30; Hapoel Herzifya v. Ironi Rishon Lezion, 16:30; Hapoel Tel Aviv v. Hapoel Haifa, Bloomfield 17:00; Hapoel Jerusalem v. Betar, Jerusalem, Teddy Stadium 17:15; Maccabi Haifa v. Maccabi Tel Aviv, Klrynt Ellezer 15:30; Boei Yehnda v. Ironi Ashdod, Hatikva Quarter 14:30; Hapoel Beit She'an v. Maccabi Petah Tikva, Beit She'an, today 14:00.

Kafelnikov routs Chang at ATP finals

Muster steps in after Rusedski pulls out; Bjorkman wins

Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov made sure of a semifinal herth in the ATP Tour world championship yesterday hy demolishing world No. 2 Michael Chang

The second qualifier from the white group will be the winner of Friday's match hetween Chang and Swede Jonas Bjorkman, who kept his hopes alive hy taming Sergi Bruguera

The other quartet, the red group, in the elite end-of-season event is still wide open and much will depend on the outcome of the much-awaited clash between American Pete Sampras and Australian Patrick

Rafter today. Sampras, the world Nn. 1, needs a win to guarantee a last four place while the US Open champion only has to take a set off his opponent to go through. Briton Greg Rusedski, who had lost hoth his matches. pulled out yesterday with a sore hamstring. His late replacement, Austrian Thomas Muster, went down 6-2 6-3 to Spaniard Carlos Moya in the red group. Moya beat Sampras in the tournament's opening

Chang was left to meditate a Bible verse after being totally outclassed by an inspired



HITTING THE SWEET SPOT - Yevgeny Kafelnikov hits a forehand drive at Michael Chang during the Russian's 6-3, 6-0 demolition of his American opponent in Hannover yesterday. (Reuters)

"You know, there's a verse

what is ahead'," he said. that says 'Forgetting what is Kafelnikov had underlined opening match and lived up to

hehind and straining toward his ambitions by taming Bjorkman in straight sets in his his nickname of "kalashnikov," firing astonishing winners almost at will throughout the match.

"I don't think I can play much better than this," said the Russian, hack to his best after being sidelined for more than three months early this year

with a hroken finger.

Bjorkman was just as impressive hnt his task was made easier hy Bruguera being hampered by painful rihs.

"I felt pain in my rihs, a muscle was tight and I feared I might pull it," said the Spaniard.

Asked if he would play his last round-rohin match against Kafelnikov today, he said: "I don't think I'm going to play because I have so much pain. First of all, I'll see the doctor, then I'll decide if I play or not." Rusedski, the first Briton to appear in the eight-man gathering, was clearly dimin-ished by his injury when he lost 6-4 7-5 to Sampras on

Wednesday.
"Two different doctors told me that it was not going to get any better and advised me to take a week off," said Rusedski

before packing. His withdrawal came as good news to Moya, who had a quiet evening against Muster in Hanover's high-tech hall packed with 14,000 noisy fans.

the team should have a hard time

looking themselves in the mirror

this morning after offering very

little in the way of bustle or

The most troubling part of the evening was that the Turks did-

n't even play ontstanding bas-ketball. As usual, they relied on

their threesome of Harun Erdenay, Kenny Green and Michael Anderson, and that was

more than enough against the

speedy Anderson, who even

chipped in a rare three-pointer at

Ulker improved its chances for a shot at third place, Jerusalem

is almost assured of finishing

last in their group unless they

can recover from their last two

Raidsav Curcic led Jerusalem

with 16 points, while Williams had 13. Motti Daniel had anoth-

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VALUED AMERICAN - Ken Griffey Jr.

Griffey Jr. unanimous as AL MVP

NEW YORK (AP) - Ken Griffey In is tired of the great expectations. Now that he's won his first Most Valuable Player award, he thinks he deserves a break. "All my life in professional base-ball, people said "He could be bet-

ter," Griffey said Wednesday after becoming only the ninth unanimous American League MVP. "There's always a but after every-thing I've done," he said.

"You get tired of somebody saying, 'He hit 49 but he didn't do something else.' It's not fair." Griffey had finished close in previous MVP voting second in 1994, fourth last year and fifth in 1993. He thinks no matter

what he does, people won't be satis-

"I go out there every day, take early batting practice, fly balls. Every day I get asked questions: "What's next for you?" he said during a conference call after the voting was announced.
It's hard to imagine he can improve

very much on this year.

Griffey hit .304 for Seattle, led the AL with 56 homers and finished first in the majors with 147 RBIs.

He led the AL in runs (125), total bases (393) and slugging percentage (.646) and won his eighth consecutive Gold Glove for his defense in

No wonder he received all 28 first-place votes and 392 points in ballot-ing by the Baseball Writers Association of America.

He's the first unanimous AL pick since Chicago's Frank Thomas in 1993, and the 13th unanimous selection overall.

"This award means a lot," Griffey said. "Kids always think about being me Myr.

Griffey, winning an honor his father never did during 19 seasons in the majors, had 24 homers through May but just five in June and three in July before getting hot again.

He said dealing with the death of his mother-in-law held down his numbers.

"That's why I struggled in July," he

Griffey's home-run total matched the seventh-most in a single season, and his 294 homers already is 76th on the career list.

On April 25, he became the fourthyoungest player to reach 250 homers, trailing only Jimmie Foxx, Eddie Mathews and Mel Ott.

Griffey's father, Ken Sr., finished with 159 homers. He was ninth in NL MVP voting in 1976 with 49 points and got one 10th-place vote in 1980. The two were together last week at an awards show in Florida. Seattle's loss to Baltimore in the first round of the playoffs still stung.

"He asked me if I wanted to borrow his World Series ring. Hopefully, I'll get mine in '98," Griffey said, "He has three; I don't have any." Griffey would rather play

for a Series winner than win MVP awards. "There are no bragging rights," he said. He still has the (replica World Series) trophy at the house. He has the flags hanging off the mantle and I don't. That's what our family plays

baseball for those flags, and that's what I want." New York Yankees first baseman Tino Martinez was second with 24 second-place votes and four thirds for 248 points, followed by Thomas

(172 points) and Baltimore reliever Randy Myers (128). For winning the award, Griffey gets a \$150,000 bonus.

FIFA end dispute over Ronnen Harazi

MADRID (Reuters) - FIFA, world soccer's governing body, have ordered Salamanca to pay Betar Jerusalem \$1.15 million for striker Ronnen Harazi, officals at the Spanish club said yesterday. FIFA'a intervention brings an

end to the dispute between the two clubs over how much Harazi was worth. Salamanca had valued the 27-year-old signing at \$800,000.

Harazi has a reputation as a pro-lific scorer and has found the net 19 times in 36 appearences for Israel. But he has yet to score in the league for struggling Salamanca who lie second from bottom of the Spanish first divi-

Maccabi gets boost with 76-68 win over Real Ulker Istanbul routs hapless Hapoel Jerusalem, 74-56 EuroLeague game. The rest of

By BRIAN FREEMAN and ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Maccabi Tel Aviv snapped its four-game EuroLeague losing streak with an impressive 76-68 victory over Real Madrid in Spain last night.

The win, only Maccabi's second victory in Madrid against Real in 16 all-time attempts (the other was in 1987), keeps the Israelis in a realistic hunt for one of the top three spots in the group and the right to play the bottom three clubs in Group B in

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the league's next stage.

Maccabi, which led the entire game, was paced by 21 points by both Oded Katash and Randy White, who played his best game for Tel Aviv this season.

Maccabi was also bolstered by key contributions from two players, Constantin Popa (11 points) and Borko Radovic (4 points in the last 1:20 of play to keep the Spaniards at bay), who in the previous six EuroLeagne games had only scored a total of

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six points between them. The game started in a similar

fashion to Maccabi's 87-82 home victory over Real in September, with the blue-andyellow forcing turnovers nn defense, executing the offense patiently, and controlling the

boards at both ends of the court. Tel Aviv jumped out to a 26-12 lead in the first 12 minutes and held on to take a 38-30 advantage into the locker room.

White not only contributed 11 points in the period but blocked a shot, grabbed six rebounds and hustled after two loose balls to save possession for Maccabi.

The second half started ominously for Maccabi, as Rashard Griffith went to the bench after committing bis fourth foul seconds into the period and Joe Arlanckas scored to cut the margin to 38-32.

But instead of wilting under the pressure, Maccabi responded with a 24-12 run over the next 11 minutes to build a 62-44 lead, thanks largely to inspired play by Popa, who came in for Griffith.

He not only kept Real out of the paint on defense, but also grabbed several offensive rebounds and scored 11 points

before fouling out with a minute remaining in the game. Real exploited a Maccahi defense in deep foul trouble to mount a comeback in the last eight minutes of the contest, narrowing Tel Aviv's margin to only 69-63 with just under two minutes left to play.

But then Radovic came off the hench to cooly hit all four of his

Alherto Angulo paced Real with 15 points, while the team's leading scorers, Arlauckas and Dejan Bodiroga, were held to 11

and 12 points respectively.
For Maccabi, White and
Katash had 21, Popa 11, Sbeffer 7, Leaf 5, Griffith and Radovic 4 and Henefeld 3.

In other action in Group A, Olympiakos lost its first game 77-58 at CSKA Moscow, Maccabi's opponents next week at Yad Eliahu, and Efes Pilsen pulled off a last-second victory at home over Limoges 65-64.

Ulker 74. Hap. Jerusalem 50 Five honeymoon couples would have been far more deserving of the trip to Turkey that Hapoel Jerusalem took than coach Effi Birnbaum's club, which went down to an embarrassing 74-56 (halftime 39-26) defeat at the hands of Ulker Istanhul last night.

Playing as if they hardly cared.

Birnbaum's team fell bebind early and seemed happy to stay

A brief rally in the first half hrought them within a point at 15-14, hut then they appeared content to slip back into low gear and disappear for the rest of

woeful Jerusalem display.
Only H. Waldman and Shefa seemed interested in attacking the basket, and though Adi Gordon bit a three-i tively early in the first half, he managed just eight points on the night in yet another sub-par EuroLeague performance.

Or maybe we're just kidding ourselves. Maybe last night's game is par for this club in Europe. It sure seemed that way in the second half when Jerusalem appeared out to break the record for committing

turnovers. Rarely did players get back on defense in time to stop the

the evening.
Only Kenny Williams, who

played despite back and rib injuries and hauled down 15 rebounds unofficially, and Doron Shefa, who had some bright moments on offense, showed any indication of realizfree-throw attempts, and Real ing they were in an important

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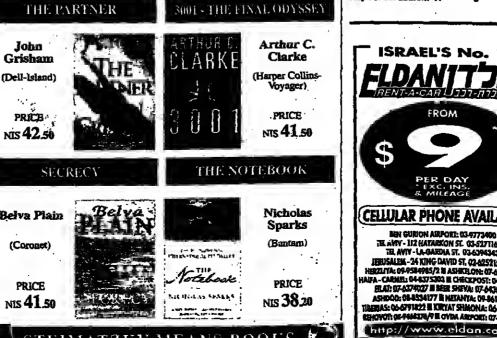
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